



# Perspectives:

## The Neighborhood Center for Greater Omaha (NCGO)

**NUSA Conference**  
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## About the Neighborhood Center

- The Neighborhood Center for Greater Omaha (NCGO) is a non-profit organization established in 2001 to provide information and assistance to neighborhood associations to enable them to come together and develop their own leadership and decision-making structure and effectively address the issues affecting the quality of life in their communities.
- NCGO works directly with residents in the tri-county area, including those who are members of neighborhood associations, homeowners associations, business associations, coalitions, community development corporations, churches, and other not-for-profit groups.



## About the Neighborhood Center

- Financial support is provided by several foundations, individuals, corporations and government.
  - Not a project of city government
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## Our mission

- The mission of the Neighborhood Center for Greater Omaha is to "Build capacity and strengthen neighborhoods throughout Douglas, Sarpy and Pottawattamie counties."
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## **NCGO carries out its mission through:**

- Leadership training programs
- Technical assistance
- Resources
- Office equipment
- Meeting space
- Newsletters



## **Role of the Neighborhood Center in the Community**

- Facilitator of information to neighborhood associations
- Provides communication links between neighborhood associations
- Provides a common link among neighborhood associations



## Why the NCGO and Scan are perfect partners

- Both programs are designed to optimize:
  - Neighbors helping neighbors
  - Help identify areas of concern or potential problems
  - Build and strengthen neighborhood capacity



## Why the NCGO and Scan are perfect partners

- Both organizations help neighborhood associations with common goals of:
  - Encouraging proactive vs. reactive measures
  - Avoid acting in a punitive manner
  - Help maintain property values



## Address it Now!

- The NCGO is facilitating the pilot project for six neighborhood associations.
- The NCGO will provide fiscal support and overall coordination of project.
- Scan produced information regarding the number of homes within an area that are not in compliance with city code for address numbers on front of homes.



## Address it Now!

- Each neighborhood association will provide information, volunteers and material to help homeowner come into compliance voluntarily.
- Based on the compliance and a re-scan of properties the NCGO will pursue additional funding to expand the project city-wide.



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## For more information on the NCGO:

- Web site: <http://www.neighborhood-center.org/>

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