

# CONTINUED CARE

Hosting a block party is a great way to connect with your neighbors, but following up with acts of care will continue that impact and cultivate long-term relationships. Listed below are some ideas for ways that you can show your neighbor that you are still thinking of them in the days and weeks after your event.

## EVERYDAY IDEAS

- Invite a new neighbor to your favorite spot or weekend plans.
- Deliver a plate of food from an event to a neighbor that was unable to attend.
- Listen to a neighbor's (long, important, unexpected) story.
- Grab coffee together, have a playdate, go to lunch with a neighbor. Check out what they are active in.
- Once a month, pick a new neighbor (or a few) and invite them to dinner.
- Write a thank you, or "just because" card.
- Offer to pray for an important upcoming moment. Pray. Add a reminder to your calendar to check back in and let them know you prayed/ask for an update.
- When you make dinner (or bake), package up leftovers and share with a neighbor who may not cook.
- Drop off a treat "just because" - a small plant, cookies, a Starbucks coffee, etc.
- If you have children, have them draw/color pictures and share with a neighbor who might enjoy some artwork for their refrigerator.
- If your neighbor loves their pet, drop off a small treat for them - dog treats, a small toy, etc.
- Offer to help someone move boxes in.
- Offer to help with pet sitting while someone is out of town.

## LIFE EVENTS

- Set up meals or visits for a neighbor who has had surgery, suffered a loss, or had a baby.
- Surprise someone with a birthday treat - even a balloon.
- Celebrating milestones such as weddings, graduations, and new careers.
- Go above and beyond to help a neighbor locate local job networking, after-school care or tutoring, or benevolence resources.
- Offer to connect to and/or go with a neighbor to Divorce Care, Grief Share, or Celebrate Recovery.

## **IN A CRISIS**

- **Help change a flat tire or jump a battery.**
- **Sit with a neighbor until help arrives: tow truck, ambulance, etc.**
- **Offer to pray for a neighbor. Pray and text to encourage and check in.**
- **Take out the trash or offer to walk the dog for a neighbor for a sick or injured neighbor.**
- **Bring meals to a sick neighbor, or a bag of supplies to make a “medicine ball tea.”**