

Indy Metro Church Friends and Neighbors

Indy Metro Church is dedicated to loving people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This rich Gospel centered love leads us to lead people into knowing, serving, and rejoicing with their friends and neighbors as the elements of our lives which have been broken are being mended (Luke 15). It is our goal to get to know you, to understand you, and to walk with your social, emotional, physical, and spiritual needs. We are also dedicated to discerning the true needs of the community in order to help those in need break free from the poverty cycle. While this means that we are happy to give, this also means that sometimes we say no.

Indy Metro Church isn't positioned to meet immediate and urgent short term needs outside of a developing relationship. While we understand genuine and legitimate needs that require immediate financial and physical support occur, our commitment is to develop a relationship with friends and neighbors in Indianapolis that extend beyond short term support into sustainable living for you (and your family). This will at times require us to refer you to local expertise beyond Indy Metro Church.

We are determined to distinguish the Church from a government social assistance organization. We understand pressing needs and are committed to responsibly using our social, physical, emotional, and financial resources and abilities to come alongside you to the depth of your commitment to your long term commitment to relationships.

Application for involvement with Friends and Neighbors of Indy Metro Church.

Name_____

Address_____

Phone Number_____

How would you describe the type of support you desire?

What other organizations or churches have you connected with in the past 6 months?

To the best of your knowledge, what would you desire us to do to come alongside you to develop a sustainable lifestyle (Budgeting, job training, counseling, etc)

Do you have any dependent children? If so, how many and how old?

If you have children, describe the needs of your children? (ie, tutoring or schooling needs, after school programs, etc)

Monthly Income_____ Monthly Expenses_____

Do you have a monthly budget worked out?_____

How would you describe your knowledge of or relationship with the Lord?

How long have you been attending Indy Metro Church?

Please share your own steps to deepen into the Indy Metro Church community?

Is there anything else relevant to your need that Indy Metro Church needs to be aware of?

I, the undersigned, understand that I am asking for consideration for financial assistance from Indy Metro Church. I certify that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and I have left nothing relevant out of this application. I agree to be open and honest about the needs I have, whether physical, spiritual, social, or emotional. I agree to make a priority the meetings that are arranged for people to come along side me in support.

Signature

Printed Name and Date

Indy Metro Church Friends and Neighbor's Policy

Indy Metro Church does not give out cash. We understand the temptations facing many who struggle with addictions and we are determined to not enable those further.

Indy Metro Church will provide daily bread to anyone in need. In order to align with the previous statement, this is either through providing food directly to a person in need or a small alcohol/lottery/cigarette-restricted grocery card.

1. Indy Metro Church holds a monthly meeting that will be the first step for any person to move forward. Generally speaking, there is a meeting held monthly downtown and on the eastside in a public place.
2. During this monthly meeting, a brief review of the application and time with a person of Indy Metro's Friends and Neighbors team will be there.
3. Application is required for consideration of any formal relationship and assistance to begin.
4. Once the application is received, a designated member of Indy Metro's Friends and Neighbors team will review the application.
5. If the member decides that the application is within the scope of our policy, they will schedule an initial interview to establish relationship with the applicant and to discuss further the needs of the family/individual.
6. If the team determines, the application will be submitted to the elders for review and approval. This will not be a common approval—perhaps 10 or 12 per year will make it this far. Our goal is to be discerning in our decisions and to focus on loving a few families or individuals with the full scope of the body of Christ.
7. The elders will pray over the recommendations of the Indy Metro's Friends and Neighbors team and share recommendations and resources as led.
8. Indy Metro's Friends and Neighbors team will decide how to move forward in making connections of relationship that best engage the physical, social, financial, and spiritual needs of applications. The director of financial assistance will coordinate the dispersal of the approved items.
9. The Indy Metro's Friends and Neighbors team will also be responsible for identifying other attendees and Covenant Members to engage in the process for the person (ie getting connected, tutoring, budget help, addiction help, etc).
10. Indy Metro's Friends and Neighbors team will only adopt the amount of people that our church body can serve in the holistic manner described in our application and policy.