

# Neighborhood Threads

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## Donate for Green and Healthy Futures

Each year, Neighborhood Industries (NI) diverts roughly 5 million pounds of post-consumer waste from landfills through its recycling process, wholesale and retail operations. Of the waste that it processes, only around 3% (less than 150,000 pounds) cannot be recycled and is processed by municipal waste management.

By diverting the majority of this waste through second-hand retail and recycling, NI is helping to reduce the volume of methane, carbon dioxide, and other greenhouse gasses released into the surrounding atmosphere as post-consumer waste breaks down over decades in these landfills. This pollution has been linked to respiratory and other health problems in nearby communities and neighborhoods, which are disproportionately low-income and historically marginalized. Donating your unwanted goods instead of throwing them away helps to reduce this kind of pollution, and gives the people living in these neighborhoods the chance to breathe cleaner air.

These donations also empower NI's Pathways to Employment program participants in their ability to make healthier choices for themselves. Participants are connected to wraparound social services that focus on treating their physical, mental, and emotional health in a holistic way, helping them to overcome barriers, experience positive growth, and develop healthy habits to achieve their goals. They develop greater financial stability through a regular paycheck, and access to healthcare, paid sick leave, and wellness programs. All of these things can empower them to take greater control over their health, and make caring for themselves a lifelong practice.



When you donate your used goods to Neighborhood Industries, you are not only extending the lifespan of the things you donate, you are extending an opportunity to our neighbors to empower them to live healthier, more enriched lives!

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Scan the QR code to donate! Your gift funds a tool for transformation, creating opportunities and brighter futures for our neighbors.



## Armando's Path at Neighborhood Thrift

Armando hit rock bottom in 2016 when he was laid off from the production line job he had held for over 25 years. Without a regular paycheck coming in, he soon found himself without a place to live, and became homeless for around a year and a half. Two years ago, Armando first got connected with Neighborhood Industries' now defunct "Neighborhood Street Cleanup" program, which specifically served people experiencing homelessness who were trying to find a way into the workforce. Through a contract with the City of Fresno, the Street Cleanup team provided litter abatement, trashcan maintenance, pressure washing and alleyway cleanup in Fresno's Tower District neighborhood.



Armando was determined to complete every task he was given to the best of his abilities each day. His determination and curiosity made him a natural fit for Neighborhood Thrift, where he works in the warehouse, receiving donations, doing furniture carry-outs, pricing and sorting clothes, and sometimes helping on delivery trucks. Since starting this position, he has completed his forklift certification, and says that someday he would like to be a lead, so that he can be challenged.

With the help of Neighborhood Industries case management staff, Armando secured permanent housing in January 2024. He says the help he received here was unlike anything he'd experienced before, and he wouldn't have been able to get back on his feet without that support. Armando says, "I'm just super excited to be here and help out as much as I can, where I can, and give customers the best experience possible."

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