

Mission: Engaging families.
Meeting needs. Giving hope.

Vision: Solanco Neighborhood Ministries builds meaningful relationships that will provide a support network, promote personal and spiritual growth, and break the cycle of poverty within our Solanco community.

Positive Core: Solanco Neighborhood Ministries is a welcoming, Christ-centered ministry whose caring, committed staff and volunteers meet people's needs with compassion and respect to create a thriving community.

Focus Areas:

1. Housing
2. Transportation
3. Educational Programming
4. Community Awareness and Sustainability
5. Food Security



The Roadmap to Growing Together

Strategic Plan 2025–2028

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Housing

Create a holistic wrap-around of services and resources to meet housing needs.

H1. Assess community housing and shelter needs and communicate findings.

H2. Create long-term plan to ensure continuum of care in the southern end.

H3. Lead community-wide effort to create emergency winter shelter. As referring agency, provide case management services.

H4. Develop relationships with property owners willing to provide housing to clients.

H5. Discuss whether to create, buy, or lease property to provide short-term housing for clients.

H6. Advocate for affordable housing.

Transportation

Provide enhanced access to affordable transportation.

T1. Compile in-house statistics and area demographics to determine transportation needs and communicate findings.

T2. Research insurance, liability, and training issues and communicate findings to board.

T3. Decide scope of SNM transportation services for 2026–2028.

T4. Hire part-time Transportation Coordinator.*

T5. Create volunteer drivers network.*

T6. Create way to leverage community's fleet of vans, buses when not used by churches, schools, businesses.

T7. Create "Wheels of Hope" program to make affordable repairs and loaner/ permanent cars accessible to clients.

** if approved by board under T3*

Educational Programming

Expand to address timely topics relevant to client, community needs.

EP1. Conduct survey to determine topics of interest and communicate findings.

EP2. Create subject modules and resources for SNM website.

EP3. Expand virtual programming, including educational videos, programs for homebound clients.

EP4. Expand financial counseling/literacy programs to varied days, times, formats. Consider hiring a PT budget counselor.

EP5. Expand financial training for resource advocates and office staff.

EP6. Explore incentive programs for participation in educational programs and implement if potentially effective.

Community Awareness & Sustainability

Build better, stronger personal connections with community, churches, and local organizations.

CAS1. Create database of volunteers.

CAS2. Formalize and promote Church Liaison Program and recruit volunteer to oversee liaison communication.

CAS3. Establish satellite locations for services, resources.

CAS4. Increase accessibility to SNM for Spanish-speaking families.

CA5. Evaluate need for additional staff dedicated to development, marketing, and events to grow income streams. Increase staff if warranted to ensure long-term sustainability.

Food Security

Create greater flexibility in meeting individual, family needs for accessing food.

FS1. Increase use of volunteers to deliver food to clients.

FS2. Increase food supply through greater collaboration.

FS3. Assess need to expand food access related to frequency, expanded days/hours/ locations. If needed, increase diversity and flexibility of food resources available, including on case-by-case basis.

FS4. Expand SWEEP into Solanco High School.

FS5. Increase use of technology to track inventory, participants.