

What is the Good Neighbor Store Network?

The Good Neighbor Store (GNS) Network is working to bring healthier food to Lexington neighborhoods that don't have nearby grocery stores. The work is based on two years of listening to neighborhood residents and leaders, store owners and staff, small business consultants, food wholesalers, farmers, police, elected officials and people from around the country who have done similar work successfully. The GNS Network acts as a liaison between residents, store owners and food suppliers to help increase the amount of healthy food stocked and make changes in store safety, appearance, and community relations. Participating stores receive support to get the information, connections and supplies to make these changes easier. Residents give input, can attend food demonstrations and receive store coupons.

Small neighborhood stores play an important role in communities. When stores enhance their business model, it's good for the community, as well as the store's bottom line.