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**Block Party to Bring Fun and Health Info to Tioga-Nicetown Community**

**August 7, 2014** – In recent weeks, the Tioga-Nicetown community of Philadelphia has been highlighted because of unspeakable tragedies. Yet, every day, the staff at Mercy Neighborhood Ministries of Philadelphia, Inc. is working to give this area the attention it needs. For 35 years, the Sisters of Mercy have served the Tioga-Nicetown area.

With the Mercy Family Center located on the corner of 20th and Venango Streets, they serve as a constant reminder of progress. Mercy Neighborhood Ministries provides childcare, adult daycare and adult education services on a daily basis to one of Philadelphia's most underserved communities. On Friday, August 15th, Mercy Neighborhood Ministries will host its annual "Block Party Extravaganza!" from 10:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M.

While the families associated with the center provide the barbeque lunch, students from Villanova University and Jefferson University will be on hand to provide health services. With a mobile dentist and vision screening, health will remain at the forefront of the block party designed to further the mission of MNM.

Last year, over 300 neighbors attended the block party. All are welcome to attend.

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