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The Gay Coordination Society of Berks County, in Reading is pleased to announce that as of Feb, 15, 1976 we are sponsoring a volunteer effort of G. C. S. members to be called "Gay Neighbors".

The intention of gay neighbors is to create a "caring" for our own within the gay community. Let us be extremely clear we are not a dating service. Any person violating this rule will be dismissed from gay neighbors or cut off from any future help from us.

Gay neighbors are available to anyone within the gay community for almost any non-sexual, but helpful services we can render. Specific programs are tailored to help;

Gays coming out	Lonely gays
Troubled gays	Physically ill gays
Gay parents	Transient gays
Retired gays	Temporarily homeless gays

We are proud to be offering;

Counseling by trained, non-professional and professional persons.

Referrals to community and governmental agencies.

Visitation with hospitalized, ill, elderly, and isolated gays.

Information -culled from resources gathered around the nation.

Movers for people needing help to move.

Conversation on just about anything people talk about.

Overnight shelter for people in town just for the night or the weekend.

Temporary homes with definite understandings about the duration and financial participation of the visitor.

Big brother type relations for children of gays.

Resource persons in education.

Any service rendered is free. We do suggest however, that when a physical aid such as helping people to move has been rendered, a small donation to G. C. S. would be appropriate thanks. Your contribution would be used to further gay rights.

Of course we want your help. Volunteer as a gay neighbor. You don't have to be out of the closet, a member of G. C. S., or a professional person. Just be friendly, helpful, and yourself.

If you need gay neighbors contact us at () if you know someone else who needs gay neighbors tell them to call us.

Yours in Gay Love

The director and committee
of Gay Neighbors.

Let us make is extremely clear that any contact with us will be kept strictly

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