



*"It's not that neighborhood women don't dream. So many of their dreams aren't voiced because they don't think anyone is listening."*

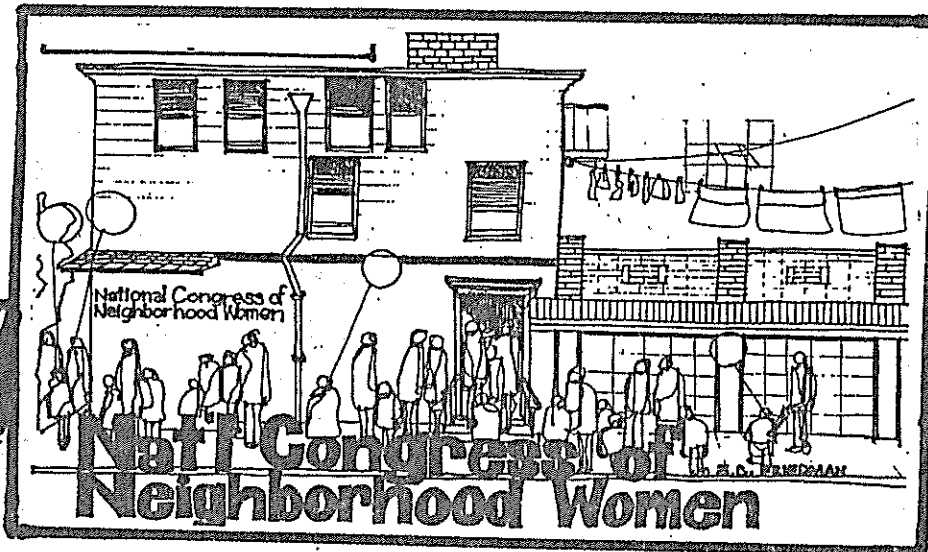
**- Jan Peterson, NW Founder, 1978**

## DEDICATION

To Jan Peterson, founding mother of the National Congress of Neighborhood Women, who has held her vision in the face of obstacles, disbelief, and an adverse political climate. She has, by the force of her commitment to NW principles and the brilliance that she has put in their service, inspired everyone around her to find their own energy and vision.

*"It started with a dream in 1974, a dream of having the efforts of local grassroots women, from various ethnic backgrounds, recognized and respected. We came to see that the enemy was isolation from others as committed as we are, discouragement, and a lack of attention to our own self-development. The complexity of community life today presents problems so difficult that we believe women need a special kind of network to empower and support us becoming strong, effective, and efficient leaders."*

**- Jan Peterson, NW founder**





CORA RIVERA

Cora Rivera

My goal is to integrate the work of Neighborhood Women in the Camden Community and assist in the formation of support and issue groups.

To further my goal, I will assist in the development of a regular schedule for consciousness raising.



SANDY SCHILEN

IF I WERE TO MOVE FROM MY NEIGHBORHOOD I WOULD MISS THE INCREDIBLE SPIRIT OF WOMEN THATS ON E VERY STREET CORNER, COMMUNITY MEETINGS. I'D MISS THE DEEP CARING MOST OF ALL. ON THE UPPER WEST SIDE WHERE I SLEEP I'D MISS THE BEAUTIFUL PARKS AND SPACE.

I'VE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH NCNW FOR SIX YEARS AS EDUCATION COORDINATOR, BOARD MEMBER, BOARD TREASURER, TRANSITIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Sandy Schilen

My goal is to expand the NWWG network of women leaders; and begin the research that shows what women do in their communities.

To further the Development on NW I will pledge to continue a support group of NW leaders in New York; and organize financial and human resources for NW in the coming year..



ALBERTA SIMMONS

IF I WERE TO LEAVE MY NEIGHBORHOOD I WOULD MISS MY GOOD FRIENDS, PEOPLE WOULD MISS MY WARM PERSONALITY .

I HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH NCNW FOR THE FIRST TIME.



ANNIE MAE BARNES

IF I WERE TO LEAVE MY NEIGHBORHOOD I WOULD MISS MY FRIENDS, FAMILY, COMMUNITY. PEOPLE WOULD MISS ME AS A COMMUNITY LEADER.

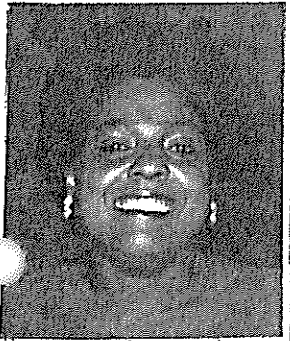
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME WITH NCNW I AM VICE PRESIDENT OF APACHE.

ANNIE MAE BARNES  
TO FURTHER MY GOAL I WILL:

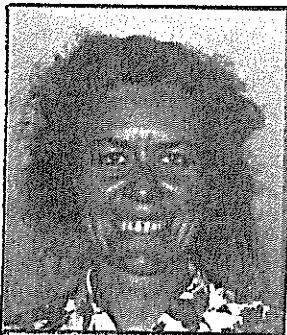
- 1. EDUCATION - G.E.D.
- 2. TRAIN SKILLS

TO FURTHER THE DEVELOPMENT OF NW I WILL:

- 1. PLANNING NW CONFERENCE IN TULSA
- 2. VISION WITH WOMEN



PAULA BENETIZ



JOYCE BROWN

IF I WERE TO LEAVE MY NEIGHBORHOOD I WOULD MISS RESTAURANTS. PEOPLE WOULD MISS MY SICK AND TWISTED SENSE OF HUMOR.

I AM COMPLETELY NEW TO NCNW.

DOROTHY BROWN  
TO FURTHER MY GOAL I WILL:

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- 1. FORM A PERSONAL SUPPORT GROUP
- 2. FORM A COMMUNITY SUPPORT/ORGANIZING GROUP AROUND HAVING GRASSROOTS WOMEN'S VOICES HEARD

TO FURTHER THE DEVELOPMENT OF NW I WILL:

- 1. THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN GROOTS
- 2. UNDERSTAND THE DEVELOPMENTAL HISTORY, POLITICAL ANALYSIS OF NW TO FULLY INVOLVE MYSELF IN LSP



CAROLINE PEZZULLO

IF I HAD TO LEAVE MY NEIGHBORHOOD I WOULD REALLY MISS DIVERSITY OF RACE, ETHNIC, CLASS, RELIGIONS, AGES. A SPECIAL VITALITY, INCLUDING BEING A CULTURAL CENTER AND CLOSE TO THE HUNDSON RIVER. PEOPLE WOULD MISS MY PRESENCE. I AM THERE FOR PEOPLE.

I HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH NCNW FOR 11 YEARS. I STARTED IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY ON WOMEN AND POVERTY PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ON THE NATIONAL BOARD.

TO FURTHER MY GOAL:

1. DEVELOP GRASSROOTS REPRESENTATION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD WOMEN IN NEW YORK AT THE UNITED NATIONS.

TO FURTHER THE GOALS OF NW:

1. FURTHER THE DEVELOPMENT OF GROOTS INTERNATIONAL.
2. ASSIST JAN IN FUNDRAISING FOR NATIONAL NW.



CLO PITKIN

IF I HAS TO LEAVE MY NEIGHBORHOOD I WOULD MISS THE BEAUTY AND PEACE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD. PEOPLE WOULD MISS THE ENTIRE ME.

THIS IS MY FIRST TIME WITH NCNW. I AM FOUNDER OF A WOMEN'S CENTER. VISION - OUR COMMUNITY OF WOMEN WOULD HAVE OVERCOME MISTRUST AND COMPETITIVENESS. THEY WOULD BE WORKING TOGETHER IN AN INCLUSIVE AND CONSENSUAL STYLE. WE WOULD NOT BE WORKING 12 HOURS A DAY AND BURNING OUT BECAUSE WE WOULD BE SUPPORTING AND CARING ABOUT EACH OTHER. WE WOULD HAVE MANY WOMEN IN THE LEGISLATURE, RUNNING BUSINESS AND PRESIDENTS OF 5 LOCAL COLLEGES. HOUSING WOULD BE AVAILABLE WITHOUT A WAIT. THERE WOULD BE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING.

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TO FURTHER MY GOAL I WILL:

1. START A LEADERSHIP SUPPORT GROUP
2. EXPLAIN THE NW MODEL AS A POSSIBLE WAY TO DEVELOP A WOMEN'S AGENDA FOR VERMONT AT A CONFERENCE

TO FURTHER THE DEVELOPMENT OF NW I WILL:

1. THE NETWORK AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT WILL USE THE NW MODEL FOR A SURVIVORS TASK FORCE
2. WOMEN CENTERED WILL USE MODEL IN A NON-PROFIT WOMENS MANAGEMENT GROUP



S. PARKS

PEOPLE WOULD MISS MY JOY IN LIFE, MY SENSE OF HUMOR, MY COMPASSION, AND MY WILLINGNESS TO HELP WITH ANYTHING.

SPARKS & MICHELE HARTSON  
TO FURTHER MY GOAL I WILL:

1. TO UNDERSTAND THE METHODS AND BEABLE TO USE THEM IN TRAINING
2. TO BECOME CERTIFIED TRAINERS

TO FURTHER THE DEVELOPMENT OF NW I WILL:

1. HOLD OCTOBER EVENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH FLIHC ANNUAL CONFERENCE
2. SET UP REGIONAL SUPPORT GROUPS- DISTRIBUTE THE SOURCEBOOK/NW INFORMATION



JAN PETERSON

IF I WERE TO LEAVE MY NEIGHBORHOOD I WOULD MISS COMMITMENT TO ACTION AND MAKING THINGS HAPPEN. PEOPLE WOULD MISS MY ENERGY FOR ORGANIZING CHANGE AND LONG TERM COMMITMENT.

I AM THE FOUNDER OF NC NW - 17 YEARS.

JAN PETERSON

MY GOAL IS: CONDUCT AND CARRY OUT MY RESEARCH PIECE THAT FOCUSES ON WOMEN'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

TO FURTHER MY GOAL I WILL:

1. I WILL CHAIR THE FUNDRAISING TASK FORCE.
- 2 I WILL CHAIR THE ORGANIZING TASK FORCE UNTIL I FIND A REPLACEMENT

TO FURTHER THE DEVELOPMENT OF NW I WILL:

1. FACILITATE THE NORTH AMERICAN GROOTS TASK FORCE
2. CONCENTRATE MYRESEARCH IN EAST HARLEM, WILLIAMSBURG AND CAMDEN.