



David Wolf Dobson Estates III Neighborhood



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Quick! Copy That Neighbor.

I wish my neighborhood was like yours!', is a statement I often hear when chatting with friends and co-workers about my wonderful neighborhood. My reply is always the same. It can be, just copy my neighbor, David Wolff. His energy, passion and welcoming personality are they keys to bringing a neighborhood together and keeping it a great place to live.

When my family and I moved to Shawnee Dr. ten years ago, David was the first person to welcome us to the neighborhood. He had just started out on his mission to make our street and our neighborhood a more enjoyable place to live. One statement David made has always resonated with me. He told me that he didn't want to live on a street where the neighbors didn't talk to each other and just rushed home, shut their garages and hid inside. I have never forgotten these words and I strive to keep David's vision in mind as I stay active in the neighborhood. Even if that means simply taking a walk to check the mailbox instead of driving by on my way home. I almost always end up saying hello to a neighbor when I walk.

Besides inspiring me to be a better neighbor, David has also inspired and motivated countless neighbors over the years, both down our street and across the whole Dobson Estates III neighborhood. David attended and graduated from the City of Chandler's Traditional Neighborhood Academy. He organizes yearly weed pulling events for the alley ways, abandoned homes and for elderly neighbors

who were not physically able to clean their yard or alley way. He has sought out resources for spring clean ups to make it easy for neighbors to dispose of trash and other items so they didn't have to haul it to the city landfill. He worked with the City of Chandler to get new Neighborhood Watch signs and again to get street sign toppers for the whole Dobson Estates III neighborhood. The most popular events David organizes are the twice a year Shawnee Drive Block Watch parties. There is always a big turnout and they create a great way for neighbors to get to know each other and stay in touch. David organizes all of these events which is no small feat considering the amount of people and resources he juggles. Using his energetic personality and networking skills, he makes it all look so easy. Pulling together resources from our neighbors, G.A.I.N, NAC, and various other City of Chandler departments he always organizes successfully events that motivate our neighbors to get involved. Even our Crime Prevention Unit Officer, Dan Chavarria, comments that we are one of the most active neighborhoods, and we have a great parties that everyone looks forward to.

Also, thanks to David, our neighborhood joined [the nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com) website which provides a great online resource that allows neighbors to stay in touch using technology when we can't see each other in person. To date we have 67 active neighbors on the site.

Recently, David asked me and another neighbor to take over his Block Watch captain duties so we have an opportunity to get more involved with our neighborhood and with all of the wonderful City of Chandler resource that are available. I have big shoes to fill and I'm a little nervous about taking over. David has done an exceptional job for many years and I hope I can do a fraction of the good he has done. He assured us that he is not going anywhere and will help out with whatever is needed. Again, being a neighbor that everyone should copy!