



Kitchen Conversation 3/29/16 Christian Health Center West. 14 residents of Christian Health Center West attended but because of HIPAA laws we were unable to have a sign in sheet.

Jackie Floyd, neighborhood outreach worker, started by giving a brief Introduction to Choice Neighborhoods Initiative and what Vision Russell has been doing thus far in the planning process.

Next we had a question and answer session with the residents. Below are the answers we heard from the residents about their community.

Today we are talking about the Russell community, how long have you been in the community?  
-Some respondents had lived in the community since childhood and some had just moved into the community for the nursing home.

How have you seen the Russell Neighborhood change?

-People are no longer friendly like they used to be.  
-People used to help one another out but you don't see that anymore.  
-One respondent said "you used to be able to talk to parents about their children and the child would be held accountable but that isn't how it goes anymore."

Who would like to share a story about the Russell Neighborhood from the past?

-One respondent said that they remembered a time when neighbors watched out for one another's children.

What would you like to see return to the Russell Neighborhood?

-“We need to socialize more.”  
-“We should help one another.”

What would you like to see return to the Russell community?

-Theatre, kindness, friendliness, more sociable, a place to to gather and get to know one another.

What new things would you like to see in the future in the Russell community?

-Community events, new park, picnics, people working together, kids activities

Which issues need to be addressed for a better future in Russell?

-Crime and safety

-More respect for seniors

-Address abandon housing

-Need good neighbors

-Someone to watch out for seniors

What makes community strong?

-Families, neighbors, people taking care of their neighbors