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**RE: CNN recognizes Neighbor 2 Neighbor in Randolph County**

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**CNN Recognizes Local Campaign that Provides COVID Vaccinations Help**

CNN has recently recognized *Neighbor 2 Neighbor*, the volunteer organization helping residents of Randolph County, GA, to gain access to COVID vaccinations. After many days of research in Randolph County, initially on the 2020 closing of the local hospital, prize winning CNN reporter and producer Jennifer Christensen has reported on the efforts of Neighbor 2 Neighbor to overcome the lack of services in a county that has been hit harder by the pandemic than any other county in Georgia:

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/06/06/health/rural-vaccination-randolph-county-georgia/index.html>.

Initially, Neighbor 2 Neighbor (N2N), using a Georgia Department of Public Health app, organized canvassers to find senior citizens in remote areas, using the data base that N2N had access to. When these folks agreed to get vaccinated, the canvassers used their cell phones to register them immediately for a call from the Health Department to get a date for a vaccination. As this effort progressed the outreach went to any and all residents. Additionally, N2N organized two vaccination clinics in Cuthbert, the county seat of Randolph County, with the help of a doctor and staffed with nurses and volunteers.

“There was no one who was helping in our communities to fight the pandemic until Neighbor 2 Neighbor went into operation. This is how we do things in Southwest Georgia, we pitch in. We activate our self-help networks. We take care of each other,” said Neighbor 2 Neighbor Co-chair, Joyce Barlow, RN.