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**Portraits of a Connected Neighborhood**

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Sharing a photograph is an easy way to talk about an idea or tell a story. Photographs capture moments of beauty and the abundance of the communities around us.

Project CLIC: Creating Livable and Interactive Communities was aimed at creating more welcoming and inclusive neighborhoods by exploring the stories, photographs and experiences of citizens, one ‘clic’ at a time.

On October 4th, twenty-two people came together to share pizza together and talk about the project. Each person was paired with a partner, given a disposable camera and a list of suggestions to guide them and a Photo Story form to record their experiences and stories. Over two weeks, each photojournalist would choose 4 topics from the list of questions and take 12 photographs then would arrange to get the camera to their photo buddy so they could shoot their 12 images. Suggestions from the list included: something that makes you laugh, a place you love to go, something you would love to learn more about, what this community needs.
Two weeks later all of the photographers and their guests were invited to a dinner and Sharing Circle to view the photographs and share stories. In small groups people discussed the prints and reflected on what they say about the community we live in and the experiences of our neighbors. The conversation was lively, emotional and supported everyone in getting to better know one another.

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