



TOGETHER TEAMS



Want to make a difference in our local community? We're thrilled to partner with you! You and your team will get to love people like Jesus does with a practical, needs-based project or activity.



KEY VALUES

- Pray. 😊
- It's about people, not projects.
- Build relationships.
- Meet needs.
- Everyone contributes.



GETTING STARTED

- Ask Jesus to bring something or someone to your attention as you pray about opportunities.
- What needs do you see?
- Who is on your heart, and how might you partner with them to address those needs?
- What are your hopes and dreams for your neighborhood?
- What are you good at?
- What resources can you be generous with?
- What are you passionate about? This might be working with the homeless, immigrants, or refugees, helping at your neighborhood school, partnering with a local nonprofit, looking for people on the margins, beautifying your neighborhood, or something else.



HOW THIS WORKS

1. You get to develop a project or experience that meets an expressed need in the community.
2. Share your idea via the Kickoff Form QR code below.
3. The Local Outreach Team will contact you and provide up to \$200 to bring your project to life!
4. Gather your Together Team and carry out your project or experience!



MAKIN' IT REAL

Are you excited to get started but not sure how to step into loving your neighbors? Do you have an idea that you'd love to pursue and wonder if it's a good fit for this program? Regardless of where you are, we hope that the ideas below inspire you to Make it Real!

BURRITO BANDITS

Buy or make breakfast burritos and deliver them to friends and neighbors early on a Saturday morning. Or host a breakfast burrito bar at your house, maybe even in your front yard or driveway, on a Saturday morning to bring folks together over a casual meal with conversation and connection. Who knows, maybe you'll start a tradition of loving well among your neighbors!

FEED THE FOOD BANK

Reach out to the South Food Bank and get on the schedule to cook a meal for Food Bank shoppers and volunteers on Wednesday nights or Saturday mornings. Stay to serve the meal and experience a community that gathers for much more than just groceries! Feel the love and connection while providing a meal that will bring the Food Bank community (and you!) deeper into connection.

TAKE IT OUTSIDE

Do you have a close neighbor or friend who might not have the means or time to provide a day out for their young ones? Consider taking the kids (along with yours?) out for a day at the zoo, amusement park, or other special outing! The kids will love it, your friend will get some likely much-needed downtime, and you will come away feeling energized (and maybe a little exhausted) all at the same time.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN OUT

Rent a dumpster for your neighborhood and send out emails, post flyers, etc., letting people know it's available. Host your neighbors for a BBQ or drinks and snacks. You'll be amazed at how many folks find it useful, and it's a great way to bring folks together. Events like this provide opportunities for neighbors to come together to help and love one another well—that old couch in the basement usually requires a handful of people to get up the stairs and out to the street!

TAME THE JUNGLE

Pull a crew of friends and neighbors together to help out the person physically or otherwise unable to plant flowers and keep up with their yard work. Invite them to show you what would be helpful before bringing a team together so that they can identify the things that might bring them joy or relief! Invite them to join into the degree that they are able during the project. Regardless of their response, the simple act of offering help can show love to your neighbor!

BEFRIEND THE BIRDS

Connect with a memory care facility, community center, daycare, or other organization for a small building project. Participants will love spending time together and being seen. Building something together like birdhouses or plant stands allows for conversations and provides something fun and colorful that brings new life to the facility or homes with flowers or when the birds come to hang out! In the past, we've learned that what is built is not as important as the time spent with each person and the ability to see and value our neighbors as individuals.