# SERVE DAY PROJECT IDEAS

Consider these questions as you pray and plan for a project for your group:

- Who in your neighborhood has a need?
- What business or organization within your sphere of influence could use a blessing?
- What project types best suit your group's ages and abilities? (prayer, worship, teaching, physical labor, crafts, etc)

## **GENERAL IDEAS**

- Host a Free Garage Sale
- Clean up a widow's or single mom's yard/garage
- Give out free bottled water at a local park
- Give out free donuts and coffee at a bus stop or shopping center
- Host a free car wash for faculty at a local school
- Minor car repairs for elderly, widows, and/or single mom's
- Kids host a free kids toys and games garage sale
- Kids host a free lemonade stand
- Volunteer at a local pet shelter/rescue

## **NURSING HOMES**

- Deliver fresh flowers to the residents
- Host a worship service at a nursing home (offer worship, devotions, prayer and fellowship)
- Landscape a flower garden and sitting area for residents
- Have kids make cards/crafts (drawings, necklaces, wooden crosses) that can be given to residents
- Visit nursing home and bring word puzzles and books to play or read to residents
- Host a Tea Party

## COLLEGE

- Band: Serve free drinks or snacks at their practices
- Sports teams: Serve free bottled water at their practices
- · Give out free donuts and coffee



## SPECIAL NEEDS/YOUTH HOME

- Identify a family with a special needs child and give the parents a Parent's day out
- Plan a "Back to School Bash" for foster care children. Have free food, games, and a backpack/school supply giveaway
- Adopt a group home for the day and throw a party for the residents
- Build a wheelchair ramp for handicapped
- Organize a field day for a group youth home

#### STREET OUTREACH

- Volunteer at a homeless shelter to serve hot breakfast/lunch.
- Do a community trash clean up at a park or beach
- Offer free pressure cleaning for sidewalks in your neighborhood
- Host a "Block Party" with free food, games, music, etc. for families
- Renovate a run-down playground or park in the area
- Do a door-to-door grocery giveaway
- Have a "Free Grass Cutting" day

#### **HOSPITALS**

- Offer free coffee, energy drinks, and snacks to staff to those waiting in the emergency room (you can also leave snacks/beverages in a basket with a card inviting people to "take one" - it can also have a bible verse)
- Read children's books to pediatric patients in the hospital
- Deliver small gifts to patients and families in the children's ward (toys, care packages, etc)
- Prayer visits with patients and those in emergency room
- Take care-packages with snacks, sweets and small gift items (lotions, magazines, puzzles, etc) to families of hospitalized children

#### **BUSINESS/ SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS/ PUBLIC SERVICEMEN**

- Wash windows
- Trash pick-up in parking lot
- Serve lunch for your local police or fire station
- Bring cookies/donuts with a thank you card to local police/fire/post office

## **Recommended Readings**

For Further inspiration you can get more ideas from these great books.

- Servolution by Dino Rizzo
- Conspiracy of Kindness by Steve Sjogren
- The Cause Within You by Matthew Barnett
- When Helping Hurts by Steve Corbett & Brian Fikkert

