



Local Outreach Opportunities for...

Families with young children

I. Event Focused – 2010/2011

Event	Event Type	Date	Description	How do I get involved?
Back 2 School	Drive	Now – Collection on August 1 st and 8 th , 2010	School supply collection for students at Mimosa Elementary and Elkins Pointe Middle; Gift Baskets for teachers	Stop by the “Serve Your World” (SYW) station in the “Commons” and “adopt” teachers/students; bring back supplies on August 1 st or 8 th
Saturdays of Service	Outreach	Every Saturday in October, 2010	Roswell churches are coming together to serve the community, with different churches leading different projects on different Saturdays; there will be many “family friendly” projects available	Stop by the SYW station in the Commons and sign-up or sign up on future website (website will be built in August)
Toy Drive & Christmas Outreach	Drive and Outreach	Drive – Collection on November 28 th and December 5 th , 2010; Outreach on Saturday, December 11 th	FBC will collect toys for Mimosa Elementary students and will host a Christmas party at the school to “deliver” the presents	Stop by the SYW station and take a tree ornament with gift attached. Gift collection on Nov. 28 th and Dec. 5 th ; Outreach – sign-up on FBC website or at SYW station
Roswell Day of Hope	Outreach	Sunday, April 17 th , 2011	Area churches will come together to serve the poor and under-resourced of our community, through free groceries, healthcare, job fair, etc.	Sign-up coming Spring 2011

II. Para-church Ministries and Nonprofits

Organization	Description	Contact Information
Great Commission Ministries (Jack Jones)	Ministry to the Spanish community here in Roswell. Many ongoing opportunities to serve, through AWANA, ESL, VBS, and other programs. www.gcmi-enlasamericas.org	Chris and Stephanie Poje 770-333-0700
City of Refuge	Assists those in difficult life circumstances in downtown Atlanta... including at-risk children, homeless, and those in transitional housing. Opportunities for families to serve include food packaging, making meals, cleaning, and so on. www.cityofrefuge.cc	Barbara Deuel 770-509-1965
Vision Atlanta	Gives hope to at-risk youth through Christian mentors and a culturally relevant Christian camp environment. Many opportunities for families to serve during camp weeks. www.visionatlanta.org	Joe Octavec 770-928-4146
Nursing Homes	World Harvest Church leads weekly visits to five area nursing homes, on a weekly basis. They are always looking for extra volunteers to assist with visits, etc.	Kim Owens 770-235-1715
Square Peg / Hope House	Incarnational apartment ministry to every pocket of poverty in Roswell, by 2015. In development. Ministry launch scheduled for 1 st site between Oct.-Dec. 2010.	Kris Eldridge 770-641-5649
Heavenly Step	A Christ focused community ministry. Through events, outreach and serving others we seek to help lives change through a relationship with Christ. Focusing on Hickory Lake Apartments in Smyrna GA. Opportunities to serve through grocery giveaways, home repair, and seasonal gatherings. www.heavenlystep.com	Nathan Beavers 770-480-7241
Act Together Ministries	A Christ-centered organization determined to change the plight of children living in distress in the North Atlanta area. Providing for a child's needs, enriching their lives, and showing Christ's love during their time of distress will allow these children to lead productive lives. Hosts monthly outreaches to children and single parents. Volunteers always needed! www.actogetherministries.org	Heather Clark 678-200-9125
Foster Care	In development. Will be internal FBC sponsored ministry. Launch date of Fall 2010 or Spring 2011.	Kris Eldridge 770-641-5649

III. With Your Family AND Your Community Group – Organic

Public Places and Parks	
Idea	Description
Umbrella Escorts	Moms and the elderly find it tough to make it from stores to their cars in the rain. Use huge golf umbrellas to help them to their car with as little wetness as possible. When asked why you are doing this... your response: "Because Jesus loves you, no strings attached."
Grocery Bag Loading Assistance	Moms with lots of kids hanging on them often need assistance getting their bags loaded into the car from the cart. The elderly need the same sort of help.
Bottled Water Giveaway in your neighborhood or local park	Ice down bottles of water in Igloo coolers for a giveaway and hand out to runners, dog walkers, etc.
Pay for someone's fast food bill	Pay for the person behind you standing in line or at the drive through window.
Trash Pick-up	There is lots of trash to pick up at festivals and sports events. Buy garbage bags and pick up trash. People will notice this act of servant-hood. Equipment: plastic gloves and garbage bags.
Hot dog grilling	Like 'em or not, grilled hot dogs bring everyone nearby together. Even with providing the dogs, buns and condiments, this is an affordable outreach. Provide music and you've got a party that will draw strangers like a magnet.
Picnic in the park	Similar to the hot dog outreach but with more frills. Throw a picnic with all the trimmings for anyone in the park that happens along. Instead of a traditional church picnic where only church attendees are invited, bring food for outsiders.
Ice Cream Coupon Giveaway	Approach a local ice cream store and explain your desire to give away dozens of ice cream coupons. Chances are the owner/manager will be willing to give you a good deal on ice cream coupons.
Golf Balls and Tees	The average golfer loses three or four balls per outing. Imprinted tees cost just a couple of cents per tee. Golfers can never get enough of these. Some golf courses will give them away for you at their counter.
Lamb's Lunch	Throw a sit-down lunch party for residents at a low-income housing development.
Matthew Party	Out of his joy in finding Jesus, Matthew threw a party for his friends after his conversion. This is similar to a Lamb's Lunch but with games and activities added. This is a great activity for newcomers to learn outreach who are fearful of being asked to do something in which they aren't skilled.
Holidays	
Idea	Description
Easter Basket Giveaway	These are great to give to your neighbors as a neighborhood outreach. Purchase inexpensive Easter baskets and fill with candy such as wrapped small eggs and other inexpensive Easter candy. You can make a nice basket for around \$2.00 including the basket. Use the outreach as a way to share the gospel!
Mother's Day Rose Giveaway in nursing homes	Purchase roses and take to a local nursing home. Giveaway roses to all female residents and visit with them.
4 th of July Festival Giveaways	Most communities have festivals to celebrate this holiday. Get a group of people together and plan a Kindness Outreach!
Labor Day – School Supplies	Take school supplies house to house especially in needy neighborhoods whose residents include many children.
Halloween – Reverse Trick	We can use this event to connect with non-Christians in ways they can understand.

or Treat	The Saturday before Halloween, during the day, throw a costume party. (<i>Positive costumes, nothing scary.</i>) Team everyone in teams of 4-6. Go house to house in your neighborhood and give away candy. Say: "No tricks, just a treat to show God's love." Give out high quality candy.
Fall and Thanksgiving Leaf Raking	"We came, we saw, we raked!" Several people in a small group can rake an entire neighborhood on a single Saturday morning. Maybe you don't like raking your own yard; but when you're with a group of friends serving in the name of Christ, a chore becomes a joy. Many yards take only fifteen to twenty minutes to polish off. Note: If possible go to neighborhoods where the city vacuums leaves left on the curb (some do). If you bag them, leave the bags by the curb for later pick up.
Christmas – Gift Wrapping at the Mall/Department Store	Wrap Christmas presents for free for mall/store shoppers. Depending on your mall/store, you may have to rent the space, purchase the materials, and do it at the hours they ask. On the other hand, some malls/stores give free space, provide the materials and are very accommodating regarding wrapping hours.
Christmas – Caroling and Candy Canes	Organize a caroling group and go "house to house" in neighborhoods. Take candy canes or a small gift to give as well. For another spin — go with low income areas, especially inner city urban, take hot chocolate and cookies and serve the residents.
Christmas – Tree Giveaway	A few days before Christmas, lot owners are willing to give the trees away. With pickup trucks, deliver them to financially stretched single parent families.
Miscellaneous	
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Food delivery to shut-ins	Find legitimate shut-ins in your neighborhood. Start a system with interested neighbors for a weekly hot food delivery. Keep in mind... many non-Christians are very interested in helping others even though they don't yet know Christ. A project such as this could easily be an entry point to their hearts.
Community Dinner	Throw a dinner for the block. One family in a rough part of London has been doing grill outs for the past few years. The couple provides the grill and the hamburgers. Everyone else brings a part of the dinner. The result: Neighbors are talking to one another for the first time, they are watching out for each other and, naturally, the crime rate has gone down.
Shopping Assistance for shut-ins	This would come by referrals. Work with shut-ins to get a list of needs, shop and deliver.
General Yard Clean-up	After the winter weather is over, all sorts of debris become obvious. Go door to door with gloves, rakes, and trash bags.
Steaks and Salmons for Firefighters/Police	Since 9/11 the general public has been aware of the tremendous job that they do for us day in and day out. Show them a little kindness by providing some steaks or salmon to grill. Let them know in advance that you are coming so they can have the grill fired up. Firemen and police are a great group to serve – they talk in the community.
Birthday Party Organizing	Advertise on an apartment or community center bulletin board for <i>free</i> party organizing.
Move in Welcoming Party in your subdivision	By referral find out about new families moving in. Greet with cookies or even a home cooked meal.
Pizza on moving day at apartments	Coordinate a discount with a pizza restaurant for a volume discount. The pizza vendor may be willing to give you the pizza in return for a pizza endorsement.
Be Creative!	These ideas are just the beginning of the many ways you can serve people in your community. Find a practical way to serve people and just do it!