

Service Projects / Outreach

Red = Projects that are scheduled to occur at CCC in 2009

Blue = Misc. Project Ideas

CARD OUTREACH

Personal Ministry or Small Groups. Send cards to: prisoners, shelters (homeless, abused women), retirement homes, elderly care centers, unplanned pregnancy, suicide/crisis centers, addicts (drugs, alcohol, etc...), runaways, children's hospitals, Hospice centers, soldiers, veterans, VA hospitals, orphanages, patients of all type (cancer, AIDS, Alzheimers), local aid workers (EMS, police, fire, ER workers, surgeons that lose patients – they must lead very up and down lives, etc...), jobless, a stranger you might see begging for money on the street, and so many more.

Write cards of appreciation and place our CCC cards inside. Leave for a postal worker, garbage collector, etc... that provides a service to you.

DRIVE THROUGH TOY COLLECTION

On-going collection of unopened, drive-thru toys. Collection bin will be downstairs in children's area. We will box the toys up and send to soldiers serving in Canaan and other places - to give to the kids over there. Could partner with some of the local McDs, BKs, Wendys, etc... to give us their extras. Youth could do this at their schools and people could do this at their offices. Contact is Mandy Gregory.

COAT OFF MY BACK

On-going collection through October, of sweaters, coats, gloves and hats for needy children. Collection will be on-going with reminders to donate when it's time to put coats away this year. Contact is Maxine Fullerton.

PUZLES FOR SENIORS

On-going collection of puzzles for seniors. Rhoda takes new and gently used complete puzzles to senior homes. Larger pieces are better but all puzzles are welcome. Contact Rhoda Lawing.

FEED THE HOMELESS

We will be joining with Capital City Christian Church on these dates to feed the homeless in Moore Square in downtown Raleigh: January 31, May 30, August 29, and October 31. Workers and food donations will be needed for these dates. Contact is Lindsey Dunn.

LUNCHES TO GO

ACCESS will take the lead on this project for the Raleigh Helping Hands Mission. On February 22nd, CCC will make, bag and provide 50 bagged lunches. Food donations will be needed for this project. From the Raleigh Helping Hand Mission... "We have several men and women who stay in our Emergency Shelter over night. These lunch bags will be provided to ladies and gentlemen when they leave in the morning so that they will have a healthy lunch to take with them." Contact Mandy Gregory.

BLOOD DRIVE

CCC will host a blood drive in March. Contact Wayne and Barbara Gregory.

SHOWER OF BLESSINGS

Collection of baby items during the whole month of April for pregnancy crisis shelters and people in need of baby items.

YARD SALE

On June 6th there will be a yard sale at CCC to benefit Park Springs Christian Camp. Workers and donated items will be needed for this event. Contact Jesse or Patsy Lasley.

BLOCK PARTY

On June 6th during/following the yard sale there will be a block party at CCC with food, music and fellowship. Many more details to come. Contact Sam Loveall.

TREATS FOR TROOPS

To celebrate Veteran's Day (Nov. 7th), we will ask for donations of 2 dozen cookies from each family (homemade or bought). Then, tentatively on November 14th, a group from CCC will go to RDU airport, and hand them out to soldiers heading overseas or coming back home from overseas. Will confirm as it gets closer and flight schedules are set. Contact Devon Bennett.

GRACE'S GIFT

Visit and fellowship with the boys we "adopted" for Christmas through the project Grace's Gift. Take them bowling, movies, dinner, etc. Be a mentor! Contact Mary Carlton.

Local Tragedy Outreach

In case of local tragedy (e.g., death, teen car accidents...), shower the family with prayer cards from small groups. When we hear of something like this, we could send a prayer request out and an address encouraging people to send cards. Maybe they don't because they don't know where to begin. This could become something we just do as a matter of practice.

Angel Food Network/Feed A Need / Food Pantry / Food Bags

Weekly donation of one can of food per person. This could become a thing we do weekly as a matter of practice. You come to our church - you bring a can of food, every week. I would like to see us establish a small food pantry again, even though we will do the larger mission in conjunction with cooperating agencies. You know the scope of the whole thing. I put under large because while effort-wise it's not that big of a project, but long-term commitment-wise, it is. Food bags can be distributed to: homeless, births, deaths, welcome to neighborhood, good luck as you move, etc...

Collect food for a month and then put up big sign outside, set-up in parking lot, and give away donated food until we're out.

Soup kitchen – provide one lunch per week to homeless (at our bldg)

AngelFood Network

Board Game Drive

Collect board games for children in need. Oxford Masonic Home For Children and Methodist Home For Children (Raleigh) need and accept board games.

Care Packages for Soldiers at VA Hospitals

Can get basics from dollar store and put in wrapped boxes designating for male or female. Could do in conjunction with Veterans Day or Christmas. Anita Wallace might know a contact.

Bus Pass Collection

Buy bus passes for people in need. Can either donate and leave at CCC for benevolence or coordinate a group to handout downtown Cary or Raleigh bus stations.

Gas Cards Collection

Buy gas cards for people in need. Can either donate and leave at CCC for benevolence or coordinate a group to handout at service station like the Shell up the street.

Grocery Card Collection

Buy grocery cards for people in need. Can either donate and leave at CCC for benevolence or coordinate a group to handout at grocery stores like the Harris Teeter up the street. If you did the event at the store, you may be able to get the store to donate cards as well.

Car Wash

Standard missions fundraising. They key to this activity is having BIG, CLEAR signs so people can see what you're doing and what cause you're doing it for.

Bake Sale

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Host AA or other "Group" Meetings

Provide location space or snacks for a meeting somewhere else.

Global Tragedy Outreach

When tragedy strikes, we put together a quick bake sale, hot dog sale, burger sale – something to raise funds for that cause. BIG sign by street (made by kids?), and one tent up for a couple of hours on a Saturday morning. We could have an “on-call” list of people who would serve on something short notice like this. It would also require people to provide food (WOW group bakes, people bake at home, buy cookies and donate, etc...). Another not complicated thing - just has to be organized.

Drive-In Outreach

Host a car/hot rod/Motorcycle drive-in missions fundraiser with outdoor concert and awards for cars entered. Work with local car clubs or motorcycle clubs. There are Christian focused car clubs and motorcycle clubs that can be contacted.

Music Outreach

Outdoor concert and missions fundraiser. Group could play at Fairgrounds on weekend, rent a \$8.00 space at flea market. Group could play in parking lot of CCC.

Give Away The Shirt On Your Back

Clothing give away (especially good with kids clothes).

Water Bottle Distribution

State fair, football, basketball, hockey game, any large event

Box fan or space heater distribution

Especially good to distribute to elderly.

Shoe Donation

Host a children’s shoe drive. In connection with a sermon, challenge people to donate the shoes they are wearing, as they leave the building.

Clean Sweep

Rake leaves in the neighborhoods around CCC. Rakes leaves for seniors at CCC.

Battery Challenge

Distribute 9 volt batteries at a local store/park on the day of time change (for home smoke detectors) – “It’s time for a change”

Community Service

Volunteer to clean up a local park or waterway

Hospital Ministry

AIDS patients, children, terminal patients, or simply volunteer at hospital like REX or Wake Med.

Partner with Alzheimer’s Association to provide shopping/house-cleaning assistance for caregivers

Men’s Ministry – start one. Ideas welcome

WALKS / RUNS

CROP Walk, Juvenile Diabetes Walk, Breast Cancer Walk, 5K runs, etc...

Short Term Mission Trip

Trip can be in US or abroad. Contact Lindsey Dunn.

Housing Outreach

Habitat for Humanity (David Bennett works with now), build a playhouse, jungle gym or project, do home projects for elderly.

Divorce Outreach

Divorce care – host a secular (or religious) group that provides divorce care – and provide childcare during meeting

Study Outreach

Host BSF classes, Truth Project again, Beth Moore studies for women, Point Man for men, etc...

Joni & Friends

Contact Clint or Jenny Tillerson

ICBM

Read-a-thon. Contact Kent or Liz Widmayer.

Park Springs Christian Camp

Contact Sam Loveall or David Wallace

Raleigh Rescue Mission (this list is provided by them)

(Contact Leslie Currin at 828.9014 x115 or lesliec@raleighrescue.org)

Adopt a Garden is a fun way to work together to bring a blessing to the residents by having a garden at home, school or church. You can decorate flower pots and bring in the flowers or vegetables you grow. This is a wonderful opportunity for your group to do at home, church, school or space permitting, even at Raleigh Rescue Mission! Create a garden and grow your favorite vegetables or flowers and deliver them to Raleigh Rescue Mission. Groups provide plants and soil. Location: Raleigh Rescue Mission or Off-site. Days/Times: If at Raleigh Rescue Mission, Monday-Saturday 9am-12pm or 1pm-4pm. Frequency: As needed.

Home baked goods are always a welcome treat!!

Have a pajama party and have your guests bring a book and pair of kids summer pajamas to donate. No donation is too small!

Have a summer party or picnic and have your guests bring a pair of kids sunglasses, flip-flops and sun block to donate

Take construction paper and cover it with clear contact paper to make placemats. You can decorate them and write an encouraging word on them. We would need approximately 100.

In your school, church or neighborhood group, create and cut out items to decorate our kitchen bulletin board. This can be a seasonal theme or inspiration and encouragement board.

Looking at our urgent needs and create a grocery shopping list and have each child shop with their family to bring in an item on list.

Lunches-To-Go is another activity that would be great for kids. We have several men and women who stay in our Emergency Shelter over night. These lunch bags will be provided to ladies and gentlemen when they leave in the morning so that they will have a healthy lunch to take with them. We would need 50 lunches.

Local Ministries - Christian

LifeCare Pregnancy Center

Provide counseling, classes, emotional and physical support, and abortion alternatives to pregnant women. Also provides counseling to women who have had an abortion. Gives community referrals for medical assistance, legal advice, counseling, housing, etc...

Contact: www.lifecarenc.org

1001 Navaho Dr. Suite 101, Raleigh, NC 27609, 873-2440

Christian Community in Action

A crisis ministry for those with immediate needs. Services include financial help, a food pantry, educational assistance for moms and kids, etc. Also runs Dorcas Thrift Shop in order to raise funds to help others. We worked with this group and donated to them during 2007's yard sale.

Contact: www.cca-cary.org

1231 NE Maynard Road, Cary, NC 27513, 469-9861

Helping Hand Mission

Various centers throughout the Triangle. Provides services to people with a limited income, including food baskets, clothing, fans, opportunities for children (summer camp, tutoring, toys), and transitional housing. Also runs a thrift store.

Contact: www.helpinghandmission.org

5714 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC 481-1411

Guardian Angel Thrift Store

Thrift store. Proceeds go towards Alzheimer's Resource. Marlene Ogburn and Rhoda Lawing know the owner.

Contact: 742 N. Main Street, Fuquay Varina, NC 27526, 567-8152

Prison Fellowship Ministries

International prison ministry with a local office. Partners with local churches to bring inmates to Christ.

Contact: <http://www.prisonfellowship.org/locationarticle.asp?id=371>
PO Box 5825, Cary, NC 27512, 481-0677

Children's Flight of Hope

Provides free air transportation to and from medical facilities for critically ill children and children in need. Listed as a "religious organization" in tax exempt documents; however, I am unsure of their affiliation

Contact: www.childrensflighttohope.org
130 Edinburgh South Dr. Suite 203, Cary, NC 27511, 466-8593

With Love from Jesus

A group of "community missionaries" who provide food, clothing, household items, and furniture to those in need. When a person comes for help, volunteers have an opportunity to share the love of Christ as well as material goods.

Contact: www.withlovefromjesus.org
421 Chapanoke Road, Raleigh, NC 27603, 233-8010

Lighthouse Ministries

Provides Christian counseling. Although a fee is charges, those under financial stress can come free due to monetary donations given to the ministry.

Contact: www.lighthouseministriesnc.org
104-D Fountainbrook Circle, Cary, NC 27511, 469-2477

The Compassion Network

Contact: www.thecompassionnetwork.org
Christian triangle-based service that matches donors with ministries in need.

SECULAR

NC Foodbank

Amy Teo has worked with in the past and may be able to pass along information.

Allison Hugs

Started by a family who lost a young daughter to disease. Provides "hug bags" (toiletries, personal items, snacks) to families with children in hospitals so that families can remain with their children as much as possible.

Contact: www.allisonhugs.org
5048 Barton's Enclave Lane, Raleigh, NC 27613

El Pueblo

Provides resources, education, and advocacy to the Hispanic community.

Contact: www.elpueblo.org
4N Blount Street, Suite 200, Raleigh, NC 27601, 835-1525

April's Angels

Creates "fantasy" bedrooms for terminally ill children.

Contact: www.aprilsangels.org 637-3670