7_{Day} Serve - Love In Action {DATES --> April 2-8}

7_{Day} Serve - Love In Action is all about compassion, unity, selflessness, and service. Together we serve with people and organizations in our community. We believe in making the name of Jesus famous through our service, and we are honored by your willingness to join us.

"Let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions." - 1 John 3:18

MISSIONAL COMMUNITY GROUPS' ROLE

All of our Missional Community groups will participate in a project during 7_{Day} Serve - Love In Action. MC Leaders will work together with their group to select an outreach project. Outreach projects need to be scheduled during the week of April 2-8. Outreach Projects may be designed for single or multiple groups to participate in. The general congregation may be invited to participate along with your group as well.

WHERE TO START??? --> THE CONVERSATION WITH YOUR GROUP

Begin by asking your small group members the following questions. Hopefully, the answers will help you develop an outreach project perfect 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, etc.)

HOW TO REGISTER YOUR OUTREACH PROJECT?

Email your outreach project to mcgroups@decibelchurch.com by **March 1st**.

POTENTIAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND OUTREACH PROJECTS

These are just a few organizations and ideas….Please feel free to generate your own and add to our list!

ORGANIZATIONS

-CAPA
-Battery Creek High School
-HELP of Beaufort
-Backpack Buddies
-Cancer Thrift Store
-Friends of Caroline Hospice
-Fire and Police Stations
-BMH
-Rotary Club of Beaufort
-Radiance Women's Center
-Bayview Manor
-Fresh Start Healing Heart
-Animal Shelter
-Streets of America
-Habitat for Humanity

OUTREACH PROJECT IDEAS

GENERAL IDEAS

- Host a free garage sale
- Bring free lunches to construction workers and servicemen in your area
- Hand out free gum at a local park
- Clean up a widow's or single mom's yard
- Give out free sunscreen at a city park
- Give out free bottled water

- Plan a “Spring Break Bash” for foster care children. Have free food, games, and some fun giveaways
- Give out free donuts and coffee at bus stop or shopping center
- Host a free car wash for the faculty
- 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
- Create care packages for Military/Military Spouses
- Show love to faculty and staff at Battery Creek High by bringing food and prayer cards
- Kids host a free lemonade stand

NURSING HOMES

- Deliver fresh flowers to the residents
- Host a worship service at a nursing home (offer worship, devotions, prayer, and fellowship)
- Throw a “Senior Prom” complete with live music, food, and decorations
- Landscape a flower garden and sitting area for resident
- Have kids make crafts (necklaces, wooden crosses) that can be given to residents
- Distribute chips and sodas to residents & employees (check with staff on food restrictions)
- Tea Party
- Help the residents complete care packages for foster kids

COLLEGE

- Band: Serve free drinks or snacks at their practices
- Sports teams: Serve free bottled water at their practices
- Give away free mechanical pencils or energy drinks to college students
- Host a free picnic in the quad.
- Give out free donuts and coffee on the quad

SPECIAL NEEDS / YOUTH HOME

- Identify a family with a special needs child and give the family a Mom & Dad’s day out
- 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

- Serve hot breakfast for the homeless in your community
- Do a community trash clean up
- 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

- Serve free coffee, energy drinks, and snacks to staff and those waiting in the emergency room
- Give out healthy snacks to patients of chemotherapy
- 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
- Coral shopping carts to designated spaces
- Cook Lunch for your local police or fire station