



Ways You Can Serve

Ada Jenkins Center

704-896-0371 www.adajenkins.org

The Ada Jenkins Center is dedicated to providing their neighbors with the tools to a better life. They have 17 different programs from tutoring to a free clinic to a food pantry. To find current opportunities, check their website: <http://www.adajenkins.org/volunteer/opportunities.cfm>

Angels & Sparrows

Contact: Erika Crandall erikacrandall@mi-connection.com

Sandy: angelsandsparrows@gmail.com

Angels and Sparrows serves food to the local hungry in Huntersville. They need help stocking the pantry and inventorying the goods, as well as "spring cleaning" once a month. Your group can also serve meals.

Barium Springs Home for Children

704-872-4157 www.bariumsprings.org

Barium Springs Home for Children is committed to a safe and nurturing family life for every child. Volunteer opportunities can be found on this website: www.bariumsprings.org/youcanhelp_page.cfm?id=5

Charlotte Rescue Mission

Contact: Andrea Tindall 704-334-4635 www.charlotterescuemission.org

Charlotte Rescue Mission's goal is to meet the needs, mind body and soul, of those battling against addiction and homelessness, and to break the cycle of destructive behavior that is passed from generation to generation. There are many ways your group can volunteer - check them out:

www.charlotterescuemission.org/volunteer.htm

Feeding the Homeless with UCF

Contact: Chris Jones 704-699-8752 chrisjones@bodieconstruction.com

Each Saturday we need around 5 people to go downtown to help feed the homeless. These people will serve food donated from Bloom grocery store and get to know the people they're serving on a personal basis. From there, we can share with them the Good News of Christ. The goal of this program is to enter their world, not shove our world down their throats. We're not there to fix their situations, but to be a let and let them know that Jesus loves the least of us as much as the greatest.

Habitat for Humanity

704-896-8957 www.ourtownshabitat.org

Habitat for Humanity is dedicated to building decent affordable housing in partnership with families in need in our community, and to making adequate housing a matter of conscience and action for everyone. They need volunteers in construction, at the office, and at the ReStore in Cornelius.

Hands on Charlotte

704-333-7471 www.handsoncharlotte.org

Hands on Charlotte mobilizes individuals, groups, and businesses for volunteers in a variety of community service projects working with disadvantages and ill children, senior citizens, the homeless, the hungry, disabled, and the environment.

Hope Cancer Ministries

Contact: Marie West 704-364-1440 mwest@hopecancer.org www.hopecancer.org

Hope Cancer Ministries helps cancer patients, caregivers and grievors who have lost loved ones from cancer. Your group could partner in one of three ways: Primary Partners who have cancer experience can help the patient cope, Prayer partners are committed to praying daily, and card partners are committed to sending cards and encouraging them. You can also cook meals and deliver them. Going into the homes requires training. Marie is willing to visit your group to train them.

Hope Chapel and Men's Shelter

Contact: Mike Hurd 704-661-9200 mike@hurdfamily.us

Hope Chapel is a place homeless and urban poor can go for community and the Gospel, as well as clothing and other needs.

Hope House Foundation

704-992-1902 www.hopehousefoundation.org

The mission of Hope House Foundation is to nurture the well-being, independence, and faith of women and their children by providing shelter, services and support. They are located right next to our land, which is a cool opportunity to really "love our neighbors." Currently, they are looking for building professionals to help renovate their house and help fundraising.

Huntersville Oaks Assisted Living Home

Contact: Alicia Jones 704-791-2873 jones1747@bellsouth.net

Your group can choose how and when you would like to interact with the residents. Some ideas include singing songs with them, having a light Bible study, or simply playing games like Checkers or cards.

Jackson Park Ministries

704-392-4981 www.jacksonpark.org

An Outreach to inner city families and children. Provides transitional housing for families and single mothers, counseling and employment assistance, mentoring, food pantry, and clothing closet.

Lincoln Country Backpack Program

Contact: Dawn Blackburn 704-307-9681 dawnhome2003@yahoo.com

This is a program dedicated to sending home food-filled backpacks on Friday afternoons to students who rely on school breakfasts and lunches for their nutritious meals of the day, and, in some cases, these meals are the only meals they receive. The goal of the program is to provide four or five meals for the student and his or her family for the weekend. Your group can buy backpacks and food supplies, and fill backpacks weekly.

Good foods to buy: soup, beans, corn, potatoes, carrots, fruits, fruit snacks, raisins, macaroni & cheese, chef boyardee pizza kit, spaghetti dinner in a box, tuna helper skillet meals, ramen noodles, crackers, cereal, cereal bars, pop tarts, instant oatmeal, instant grits, jello, pudding, spaghetti, beef stew, chicken (canned), juice boxes, kool aid packs *no glass containers*

Lydia's Loft

Contact: Darlene O'Toole 704-892-5758 djotoole@bellsouth.net

Lydia's Loft is dedicated to providing free clothing to needy residents of the North Mecklenburg and South Iredell region and to providing a place for residents who want donated clothing to go to those in need within their own community. All workers are volunteers and they would love help from your group!

NeXus Church

Contact: Tom Holmes 704-375 0653 tholmes@nexusministries.com

This is a church located in Uptown Charlotte dedicated to bringing about holistic transformation and empowerment of at-risk children, families, and communities by providing strategic and high impact service opportunities to urban missionaries, corporations, foundations and churches. They serve breakfast to Charlotte homeless Monday-Friday at 7 am. They also have a church service followed by dinner on Sunday evenings at 5:30 and need volunteers to prepare food starting at 4:30 and stay for the service and meal. There are also multiple one-time events for volunteers to help with. Volunteer opportunities are on this website:

<http://foresthill.volunteerhub.com/Events/EventGroup/Summary.aspx?EventGroupID=2190> (you can also find this link on the NeXus website)

Operation Christmas Child

1-828-262-1980 www.samaritanspurse.org

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes and the Good News of God's love. Your group can fill and collect shoeboxes and/or work in the collection site during National Collection Week.

The Pines

www.thepinesatdavidson.org

Your group can choose how and when you would like to interact with the residents. Some ideas include singing songs with them, having a light Bible study, or simply playing games like Checkers or cards. We don't currently have any groups serving. If you're interested in being a contact person and setting this up, email Ashley ashleyc@thejourneyonline.com

Solomon House

704-875-7727

The Solomon House is a faith-based community center whose mission is to provide holistic health ministries and to serve as a clearinghouse for knowledge of and access to health information and community resources.

Special Olympics

Contact: David Cooper 704-662-6684 david.cooper@windstream.net

http://www.sonc.net/localprograms/program.asp?program_id=203

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

Other Ideas:

Clean-up a local park or school

Serve breakfast to the faculty of a local school

Serve snacks to the Chamber of Commerce

Serve at Cornelius Symphony in the Park

Offer car care for single moms

Adopt a local family