

Mission Opportunities

LOS VECINOS

Contact:

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<https://www.thejourney.org/los-vecinos>

Description:

Los Vecinos seeks to invest in and build relationships with the Hispanic, impoverished families residing in Chesterfield by running after-school and summer tutoring programs and taking the children on field trips and group outings.

Needs:

Supplies, Tutors, Snack Sponsors, Enrichment Activity Leaders, Work Days and One-time Opportunities, Literacy Library Organization, Craft Corner, Cosmetic/Building Repairs, Indoor/Outdoor Cleanup

Bumper Bag Sunday

Contact:

Angie Wright: Together4Kids@thejourney.org

Description:

Over five years ago, The Journey West County implemented an outreach ministry by establishing what we used to call the "Food Bank". To support this, non-perishable items are collected each month on Bumper Bag Sunday and then made available to families in our church and our community. The Bumper Bag Ministry currently serves Los Vecinos families, Together4Kids families, Mission Gate families, individuals and families in crises within the church and children in our surrounding schools.

Needs:

Donations: non-expired non-perishable foods, paper goods, diapers, toilet paper, toiletries. It is our desire to serve and support more of our surrounding schools by providing needed food. If your child(ren) attends a local school, would you consider being a liaison between the church and your school?

In addition to donations, the Bumper Bag Ministry is also in need of volunteers to collect items each month on "Bumper Bag Sunday" which is always the 2nd Sunday. This is a family-friendly opportunity.

Together4Kids

Contact:

Angie Wright: Together4Kids@thejourney.org

Description:

Within The Journey West County there are several individuals and families who are caring for vulnerable children by fostering, adopting, hosting, and providing respite care. Together4Kids supports these individuals and families by providing practical needs such as meals, pantry items, toiletries and paper goods, gently used baby and kid clothing, beds/cribs, strollers etc.

T4K is currently developing various teams to further support these individuals and families: Birthday Party / Art Classes, Tool Belt Team (car mechanics, house cleaning, handyman projects, tutoring, drivers, etc.), Respite Night Out/In, Respite Team, Safe Families Advocate - if you would like information on these Teams or have additional ideas, please contact Angie; she'd love to discuss!

Needs:

Donated items such as: frozen prepared meals, pantry items, toiletries, paper goods, toilet paper, clothing, kid and baby items etc.

Volunteers who can provide: respite care, teach a variety of skills, and share gifts/household items as mentioned above. Please contact Angie to be put on a monthly T4K email with needs and updates!

WELCOME NEIGHBOR STL

Contact:

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Description:

Jessica Bueler founded this group to support refugees and immigrants as they begin a new life in St. Louis. The group offers emotional and social support primarily by partnering American volunteers with new families. What started as a toiletry drive has grown into a network of 700 volunteers working with over 25 Syrian families who are empowered to host and cater events with authentic dishes from their native countries.

Needs:

Welcome Neighbor STL's website provides links for a volunteer application, a way to provide monetary donations, information on events they host and details on hosting your very own 'Supper Club' event which financially supports the refugee families! They have partnered with **House of Goods** (314-833-3300) for any donations of furniture, clothing, household items, toys, food, toiletries, etc.

Mission: St. Louis

Contact:

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Description:

For over 10 years, Mission St. Louis has been working within the City of St. Louis to address systemic poverty and its deep-rooted issues, empowering people to transform their lives, families, and neighborhoods. How? '*Beyond School*' is a year-round program for under-resourced 3rd-10th graders. Tutors and children work hand-in-hand to get back on track for graduation, typically progressing 2-3 months in reading, science, and math for each month in the program!

'*Beyond Jobs*' works primarily with men 22-35 years old, providing job and leadership training, a community of support, and employment opportunities. The program includes an 8-week 'boot camp'

and then monthly check-ins for an additional year, and, within five months of graduating, over 73% of these young men are employed!

'Beyond Charity' is a diverse range of programs aimed at meeting the additional needs of St. Louis. These programs help adults, kids, and entire families stay in the neighborhoods they're transforming - helping our city and its people flourish.

Needs:

Volunteers for: coaching, mentoring, tutoring, tax prep (VITA), senior services, the morning reading program, healthy home repair, meal prep, group service projects, monetary donations, etc.

The Covering House

Contact:

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<http://thecoveringhouse.org/>

Description:

The Covering House provides refuge and restoration, using the least restrictive environment, for sexually exploited and trafficked children and teens, offering safety, dignity, and freedom. They have therapeutic housing, supportive adult programs, community based services, and a reducing risk program.

Needs:

Volunteers to assist with: events and booth hosting, office work, gardening, trafficking awareness dinners, etc. In addition, donations are needed for their Stock our Shelves program and items from their Amazon wish list, projects. They also have a new building/retreat space, and are in need of volunteers this fall to prepare this space.

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Looking for a shelter or outside organization? Check out this website for an extensive list of options!
<http://www.startherestl.org/>

Opportunities & Events at WC

Many of our serving teams would welcome community groups serving together. For example, our Journey Kids & Hospitality ministries have opportunities for groups to serve together on Sunday mornings. For more information, send an email to infoWC@thejourney.org.

EVENT	WHEN	NEED
Thanksgiving/Xmas Event	TBD	1-2 CGs
Gifts Galore	TBD	1-2 CGs
Christmas Decorating	TBD	1-2 CGs
Christmas Eve (set up/tear down)	TBD	1-2 CGs
Spring Work Day	TBD	3-5 CGs
Good Friday (set up/tear down)	TBD	2 CGs
Easter (set up/tear down)	TBD	1-2 CGs
BEYOND work days	TBD	TBD