



101WAYS

TO SPARK ACTION IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Want to do something positive to strengthen your community? Think you can organize a team to help bring it to life in 90 days or less?

If you said “yes” to both, simply gather your team, submit an application to Thrivent and—once your idea is approved—you’ll receive up to \$250 in “seed money” to help cover promotional, production and material expenses.

Need inspiration? Below you’ll find 101 ways to offer a valuable service, raise funds or teach others an essential skill.

Service Projects

Youth and Family

1. Check smoke detectors for the elderly.
2. Build a wheelchair ramp for the handicapped.
3. Hold a teddy bear drive for hospitalized children.
4. Make tie-together fleece blankets for the homeless.
5. Make a house wheelchair-accessible for someone in need.
6. Clean up after a disaster.
7. Hold an underwear and/or sock drive.
8. Deliver/serve meals to the needy/homebound.
9. Hold a neighborhood food/toy/supply drive.
10. Coordinate a care package drive for soldiers.
11. Build wheelchair-accessible picnic tables for parks.
12. Donate, assemble and distribute new parent kits.
13. Create pillow case dresses for the needy.
14. Clean up a community river/park/freeway.
15. Collect books or media for a library.
16. Hold a birthday toy drive for the less fortunate.
17. Crochet blankets out of recycled plastic bags for the homeless.
18. Collect toiletry and make-up items for a women’s shelter.
19. Collect old cell phones for a women’s shelter.
20. Host a blood drive.
21. Repair homes for those in need.
22. Repair cars for those in need.
23. Hold a youth fire safety demonstration.
24. Start a gardening program to benefit a food pantry.
25. Establish a nursing home/school pen pal project.
26. Host a gently used shoe drive.
27. Organize an immunization day in a needy neighborhood.
28. Build beds for the less fortunate.
29. Coordinate a furniture collection drive.
30. Coordinate an electronic recycling drive.

Seasonal

31. Winter coat drive.
32. Trick or treat for canned goods.
33. Holiday toy/food drive.
34. Boxed emergency meals drive for the homebound.
35. Tax preparation for the elderly or less-fortunate.
36. Back to school supply drive.
37. Leaf-raking program for the homebound.
38. Snow-removal program for the homebound.
39. Team up to place flags at veteran’s graves.
40. Spring/summer landscaping for the elderly.

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ACTION TEAMS

Fundraisers

Youth and Family

41. Benefit for someone with high medical bills.
42. Chili/barbeque cook-off.
43. Community rummage/garage sale for charity.
44. Create/sell recipe books.
45. Local restaurant tasting/competition.
46. Car/dog wash.
47. 5k fun run.
48. Walk/ride for a cause (e.g., cancer).
49. Community fair/carnival.
50. Sadie Hawkins or other dance.
51. Art show or auction.
52. Fashion show.
53. Dancing with the local stars.
54. Book fair.
55. White elephant silent auction.
56. Murder mystery dinner.
57. Iron Chef cook-off.
58. Aluminum can recycling drive.
59. Local talent show.
60. Penny wars.
61. Charity head shave.
62. Calendar art competition/sale.
63. Golf or miniature golf open.
64. Run a "Bowlathon."
65. Team sport tournament (softball, basketball, etc.)

Seasonal

66. Valentine's Day flower/candy sale.
67. St. Patrick's Day dinner.
68. Lenten fish fry.

69. Easter egg hunt.
70. Mother's/Father's Day brunch or high tea.
71. Fourth of July picnic/barbecue.
72. Halloween haunted house.
73. Sleigh rides or hay rides.
74. Holiday craft sale/bazaar.
75. Holiday turkey or ham raffle.
76. Photos with Santa.
77. Holiday bake sale.
78. Wreath/candle/decoration sale.
79. Christmas concert.
80. Wrap Christmas gifts for donations.
81. Poinsettia sale.

Educational Activities

82. Basic budgeting workshop.
83. College planning 101 workshop.
84. Identify theft workshop and shredding event.
85. Internet safety workshop: Protect yourself online.
86. Taxes and you event.
87. Organization 101: Gain efficiency, save time and money.
88. Create a LinkedIn Profile workshop.
89. Good "cents" health fair.
90. Home-buying workshop.
91. Exercise and its positive long-term effects on your wallet.
92. Suicide awareness event.
93. Extreme couponing event.
94. Parenting 101: Practical purchases for baby.
95. Basic car maintenance: Avoid costly repairs.
96. Do-it-yourself basic home repair.
97. Bicycle safety rodeo.
98. Self-defense workshop.
99. Cultural event: How diversity strengthens your community.
100. Cooking on a budget.
101. Eating in vs. dining out: At what cost?



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