



City Partnerships

It's easy to get plugged in! You and your group can get involved in and serve these organizations.

Volunteers of America - This is an emergency shelter for women and their kids who need a place to go while they find a new place, get back on their feet, or to get away from an abusive situation. In the past our CG's would go there monthly to do a desert night after dinner or play games with the kids, or some months we would just clean the facility. Email Leslie Hoback at lesliegof@msn.com.

House of Ruth - This is a ministry to people with HIV/AIDS and their families - located near Sojourn. They provide support and community for people that are often ostracized. One CG served there by putting on an Easter party with the families. They decorated cookies, served lunch, and had an Easter Egg hunt. Email Clint and Alex Casabella at clint.casabella@yahoo.com.

Americana Community Center -. They work with a ton of refugee families in a variety of ways. They have an after-school program for kids to help them with homework and give them a place to go to hang out after school. They also have evening classes for families that teach culture and English, special events around holidays and stuff, summer camps, etc. They are located on Southside Dr. In the past CG's have volunteered there for their "holiday party" at Christmas, their after-school program, and an Easter party. These are typically evening events where your whole group could help and you could bring kids. Partnership Coordinator is needed. Email mercy@sojournchurch in the mean time.

Lydia House This is a recovery/ halfway house for pregnant women and moms. The women are usually on a program for getting their life straightened out as far as drugs etc, as well as taking classes for parenting and job skills. Seed helped remodel one of their guest rooms last year and also helped with some yard/ playground projects they had. I think this would be an occasional thing for when needs arose, or could possibly be more if we asked them what their needs are now. Email mercy@sojournchurch.com. Partnership Coordinator is needed.

Germantown Neighborhood Association This association is very active and hosts a monthly potluck on the Third Monday of every month. Join in at the potluck and get to know some neighbors. CG's in the past have assisted GPNA in throwing a sock hop for the elderly, distributing newsletters for events, and hosting community meetings to give our neighborhood a voice before our city officials. Email Nathan Ivey at nivey@sojournchurch.com.



Jefferson Street Baptist Shelter Jeff Street is a Homeless Shelter for men. The organization exists to extend gospel-centered mercy to the poor and marginalized. They do this by offering Christian community along with meals, bible studies, addictions counseling, job development, and shelter for those who have none. Groups in the past have served meals, renovated rooms, and painted just about the entire complex. Contact Jesse Eubanks at jesse@jeffersonsreet.org.

Meyzeek Middle School Meyzeek Middle is located in Smoketown, which is a low income neighborhood. They have an after school program and always need volunteers to help the children with their studies. There is also a need to just hang out with the kids and play ball. CG's in the past have helped with the Back To School Jam, which gave away 1,000 backpacks and school supplies to poor families. Groups have also hosted a two session financial planning and stewardship class. One group came once a month and exposed the kids to each group member's vocation. For example, nurses introduced the kids to what life at a hospital is like, business men shared what life is like in the business world, etc. Contact mercy@sojournchurch.com. A Partnership Coordinator is needed.

Bates Memorial Baptist Church Bates serves a meal for poor families in Shelby Park every Saturday morning. Groups have been serving along-side Bates for almost two years now. If you are interested in racial reconciliation, this partnership is for you! Contact David Taliaferro at david.taliaferro@summitenergy.com.