

ChristChurch Community Service Team

*Serving through the Spirit
and Gifts of God*

Mission

We demonstrate Christ's love to the community by equipping and leading the people of ChristChurch in acts of service for those in need.

Philosophy

We desire to provide opportunities for anyone involved in ChristChurch to use his/her gifts in community service. Participation in the CST is open to anyone who attends ChristChurch. Newcomers are always welcome to participate in all meetings and activities.

The projects we undertake are prayerfully chosen to serve the local community and the world in the Spirit of Christ. Guiding principles include projects focused on assisting with immediate need--such as shelter, food, clothing and medical care—and which promote the self-sufficiency and dignity of those we serve.

Meetings

The Community Service Team meets in the Commons the second Tuesday of the month. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us, either to bring an idea for a project or just to find out what we are all about.

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Projects & Opportunities

Hunger

Our annual Food Drive takes place in fall. The food we collect goes to help the food pantry ministries of St. Vincent DePaul's Hertel Center in Hillsboro and St. Matthew Lutheran's Special Church Action Team (SCAT) program in Beaverton. Our goal is to collect specific items that are not always available from the Oregon Food Bank.



During winter months, we also purchase food directly to help restock the Hertel Center's pantry shelves.

We have held special events to serve the homeless of downtown Portland, too, such as Super Sock and Sandwich Sundays (at Super Bowl time) and Potluck @ the Park events. Volunteers distribute warm clothing items and sandwiches to those in need.



Children & Students

We have provided assistance funds for low-income students at Liberty High School. Our Student Ministry team has opportunities to serve, such as the Where-House outreach on Friday nights.

At Christmas we have supported the House of Zion in Woodburn by providing gift certificates for the teenage children of migrant farm workers.

Spring has been a time to gather and distribute children's books to encourage underprivileged kids to continue reading during the summer months.

We have also supported the Heart of Hope mission teams who travel to Romania to serve orphans and low-income children at Camp of the Good Shepherd.



Habitat for Humanity

We have a group active with the Willamette West Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. In fact, this year, through our Hammering Hope Home Project, ChristChurch is sponsoring a house for a family of nine—that's a mom, a dad and seven brothers and sisters ranging from 14 years to 10 months. With God's help, by fall of 2007 the Farrah family will have a new home and a new address: 7260 Lindsay Lane in Hillsboro.

You can help build an affordable home for a hardworking, low-income family. For more info, contact Bill Branch, 503.292.9310 or wemembranchs@comcast.net.

See more about our Hammering Hope Home Project.