Descriptions of Service Opportunities

Making Choices Prayer Partners: MC partners women incarcerated in Denver Women's Correctional Facility with mentors who lead them through a 12-week course in decision making skills. Participation in this course reduces the recidivism rate from 54% to 8%. If you would like to be paired with an incarcerated woman and her mentor, so you can pray for them during the summer, contact <u>Jo Culbertson at joculbertson@gmail.com.</u>

Dinner for Homeless Women: Every Wednesday, Capital Heights Presbyterian Church provides 25 homeless women with a hot meal and a warm, safe place to spend the night. If you're interested in helping prepare and serve the meal on June 1, please contact <u>Teresa Crane at tcrane10@gmail.com.</u> Or, to help with the meal on August 3, contact <u>Stephanie Fritz at stephanie@centraldenver.com</u>. All ages are welcome to participate.

New Genesis BBQs: Join us for a grill-out with the men from New Genesis shelter. Volunteers will help with set-up, grilling, serving and clean-up. All ages are welcome to participate, and participants are encouraged to eat with the men. If you are willing to assist with the meal on July 13, please contact <u>Joyce Coville at ficoville@msn.com</u>. If you want to help on August 31, contact <u>Stephanie</u> <u>Fritz at stephanie@centraldenver.com</u>.

Central Visitation Program (CVP) Toy Cleaning: CVP provides supervised visitation that allows non-custodial parents to visit their children. Since the staff spends their time interacting with the families, they could use our help cleaning the toys. To volunteer (all ages!), please contact <u>Janis Mourer at jdmrnc@gmail.com.</u>

Guatemala Mission Trip: Central returns to Guatemala for the seventh time to continue our relationship with the church in Aceituno and to work in health and hygiene education. For the first year, there is an opportunity for families with young children to participate by partnering with Common Hope. If you are interested in participating or donating to the trip, please contact <u>Steven Erhart at stevenerhart@gmail.com</u>.

Hope in Our City (HIOC) Early Literacy Camp: Located in Sun Valley - the poorest neighborhood in Denver - HIOC ministers to refugees who have permanently relocated to Denver. During the Early Literacy Camp, volunteers (all ages welcome!) will read to children and lead games to develop literacy skills. To volunteer, contact Jennifer Hofmann at hofmann jennifer@yahoo.com.

Hope in Our City (HIOC) Summer Camp: Sun Valley - a neighborhood with an 80% poverty rate - is the only area of the city with more children than adults, most of whom are refugees recently relocated to the US. During the Summer Camp, volunteers (all ages welcome) will lead summer camp games and pick-up sports while building relationships with the elementary and middle school students. To volunteer, contact <u>Betsy Clark</u> at eaclark422@gmail.com.

Habitat for Humanity Build: Worldwide, Habitat completes a home every 7 minutes and is the most energy-efficient home builder in Colorado. In partnership with other Presbyterian Churches, Central has helped build 19 homes over the last 19 years. To participate in this one-day build, contact <u>Joyce Coville at ficoville@msn.com</u>.

Rainbow Alley (RA) Cookies: RA provides a safe, welcoming drop-in center for LGBT youth. As a way to support the youth at RA, Central members occasionally deliver homemade cookies for the youth the enjoy. To sign up to deliver cookies anytime during the 2-3 week timeframe, contact <u>Jacqueline Decker Vanderpol at jacqueline@centraldenver.com.</u>

Colfax Community Network (CCN) Motel Outreach: Motel Outreach goes to Colfax motels every week with food, clothing, and hygiene items to meet the immediate needs of the residents. Outreach allows CCN to maintain an awareness in an ever-changing population. To volunteer (18 years and older), contact <u>Steven</u> Erhart at stevenerhart@gmail.com.

Metro Caring (MCR) Food Collection: MRC is largest food bank serving families in Denver. Central supports their efforts by collecting canned goods, spices, and cooking oils during worship on the first Sunday of every month. We also collect money to purchase food to supplement MCR. No RSVPs - just bring your donation!

Service is Central: Summer Service Challenge



We challenge you to participate in two service activities between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	Thursday	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 29 RA Cookies (thru June 18)	30	31	June 1 5:30 Homeless Women's Dinner	2 10:30-12:00 HIOC Early Literacy	3	4
5 10:30 MCR Food Collection	6	7 2-5 CCN Motel Outreach	8	9	10	11 Guat Mission Trip
12 Guat Mission Trip	13 Guat Mission Trip	14 Guat Mission Trip	15 Guat Mission Trip	16 Guat Mission Trip	17 Guat Mission Trip	18 Guat Mission Trip
19 RA Cookies (thru July 2)	20	21	22	23	24	25 9-12 CVP Toy Cleaning
26	27	28	29	30	July 1	2
3 RA Cookies (thru July 16) 10:30 MCR Food Collect	4	5 2-5 CCN Motel Outreach	6	7 10:30-12:00 HIOC Early Literacy	8	9
10	11	12	13 5-7 New Genesis BBQ	14	15	16
17 RA Cookies (thru July 30)	18	19	20	21 3-5 HIOC Summer Camp	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 8:00 - 4:00 Habitat Build
31 RA Cookies (thru Aug 13)	August 1	2	3 5:30 Homeless Women's Dinner	4 10:30-12 HIOC Early Literacy	5	6
7 10:30 MCR Food Collection	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 RA Cookies (thru Aug 28)	15	16	17	18 3-5 HIOC Summer Camp	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 5-7 New Genesis BBQ	Sept 1	2	3



And, during your summer travels, we encourage you collect hotel toiletries and donate them in the bin in the narthex, so they can be given to New Genesis residents.