



2024

# SUMMER OF SERVICE

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Central  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CENTRALDENVER.COM/SOS

## REPORT YOUR PARTICIPATION

Please email [molly@centraldenver.com](mailto:molly@centraldenver.com) to report volunteer hours and donations to celebrate what we've accomplished. Please include photos of volunteers in action.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**How do I sign up for Summer of Service volunteer opportunities?**

*Unless otherwise indicated in the volunteer opportunity description, email Molly Brown [molly@centraldenver.com](mailto:molly@centraldenver.com).*

**Who can volunteer?**

*Anyone can volunteer. Be sure to sign-up for each activity so that you have accurate information.*

**How old do children have to be to volunteer?**

*Many of our activities do not have an age minimum. Check the descriptions. Small children may not understand that they are "volunteering" but often their smiles and presence are gifts in and of themselves. Unless otherwise noted, every child/youth will need to have adult supervision with them.*



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Central Presbyterian has been partnering with the downtown community for over 150 years. We strive to be a nurturing center dedicated to demonstrating God's love to one another, our community, and the world. Service is at the heart of our ministry.

## May 1 - 31:

**Car Seat Collection.** Newcomer families are seeking car seat donations in order to meet their transportation needs. Car seats can be used (they will be checked by WeeCycle) or people can buy new.

— Contact [molly@centraldenver.com](mailto:molly@centraldenver.com) to coordinate.

## Sunday, June 2:

Join **Zimbabwe Mission Partnership** for a fundraising event to benefit orphans and vulnerable children in Zimbabwe at Riverdale Regional Park by Adams County Fairgrounds. Ride, walk, run, skip, play & donate! Boxed lunches provided for registered participants.

— To register or donate: <https://www.classy.org/event/team-zimbabwe-2024/e557989> or [www.zimpartnership.org](http://www.zimpartnership.org).

## Wednesday, June 5 at 9am (delivery to **Urban Peak**) and Monday, June 17 at 9am (delivery to **Downtown Library Outreach**):

Come to Central to prepare lunches for our unhoused neighbors.

— Contact [molly@centraldenver.com](mailto:molly@centraldenver.com) to participate.

## Wednesday, June 5 from 5:30pm – 8pm:

Volunteer onsite at **Metro Caring** to prepare its fresh food market for daily shoppers.

— Contact [trimjosh@gmail.com](mailto:trimjosh@gmail.com) to participate.

## Thursday, June 6 at 6pm:

Share dinner with youth and staff from **Westminster Presbyterian (Rapid City, SD)** as they journey to Denver; stay at Central; learn about our building partners and broader community.

— Contact [molly@centraldenver.com](mailto:molly@centraldenver.com) to participate.

## Sunday, June 9 at 12pm:

Lunch and learn with the **Guadalupe Project**, Central's newest building and mission partner. We will gather in the Narthex at noon for a simple lunch, then head to the third floor for a tour and presentation.

— Contact [molly@centraldenver.com](mailto:molly@centraldenver.com) to participate.

## Saturday, June 15 from 9am – 1pm:

Volunteer with **Guns to Gardens** at a Safe Surrender event at Glennon Heights Mennonite Church, 11480 W. Virginia St. in Lakewood.

— Contact [cherylrfleetwood@gmail.com](mailto:cherylrfleetwood@gmail.com) to participate.

## Saturdays, June 15, July 13, August 10:

Join **Carpenter's Helpers/Habitat for Humanity Denver** to build homes in the Denver metro area.

— Contact [primus.c.p@gmail.com](mailto:primus.c.p@gmail.com) to participate.

## Monday, June 17 from 4pm – 6pm:

Meet at **Urban Peak** (2100 Stout Street) to prepare and serve a meal to unhoused youth.

— Contact [molly@centraldenver.com](mailto:molly@centraldenver.com) to participate.

## Saturday, June 22 from 9am – 11:30am:

**Denver PrideFest**, celebrate LGBTQ+ community by volunteering at the 5K Finish Line Support in Civic Center Park.

— Contact [ezemanick@gmail.com](mailto:ezemanick@gmail.com) to participate.

## Saturday, June 22 – Wednesday, June 26:

Join the annual trip to **La Puente** in Alamosa, CO. This trip includes gardening, building repairs, playing/learning with **Positive Actions Lead to Success (PALS)** children plus serving/sharing meals, exploring, and fellowship time.

— Contact [gina.batalibrooks@gmail.com](mailto:gina.batalibrooks@gmail.com) to participate.

## Wednesday, August 7 from 5pm – 7:30pm:

Prepare dinner, serve, and dine with our neighbors at **Heartbeat Denver Working Men's Shelter**.

— Contact [dgdaramsey@comcast.net](mailto:dgdaramsey@comcast.net) to participate.

## Sunday, August 25 from 12pm – 2:30pm:

Lunch at **Purple Door Coffee** then head over to **Dry Bones Denver** for an educational session on these two missional organizations

— Contact [molly@centraldenver.com](mailto:molly@centraldenver.com) to participate.

**Save the Date: Saturday, September 14 Journey with Migrants** Fundraiser Event to assist newcomers in Denver.

**Save the Dates: September 10 - 18** A visit from our Cuban Church partners, the **Rev. Tirisay Martinez and attorney (and youth director) Yosbeni Ochoa**.



# ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

## To help our newcomer neighbors:

**Prepare** snack bags for newcomers (granola bar, fruit cups, beef jerky, chips, cookies, tuna packs, water)

**Fill** a laundry basket with cleaning supplies for those moving out of shelters

**Collect** diapers and wipes and personal hygiene items

**Collect** tents, sleeping bags, and tarps

**Volunteer** for legal clinics at Richard D. Garcia Law Firm (attorneys/non attorneys; bilingual/monolingual)

Please contact [rchabiger@gmail.com](mailto:rchabiger@gmail.com) for more information.

# RESTORING CONNECTIONS

## Ongoing opportunities to help women living in prison and exiting prison:

**Prepare** re-entry backpacks for women released from prison.

**Collect/purchase** toiletries for indigent women within the facility who literally have no toiletry items.

**Design** prayer cards/notes of support for women in prison who are seeking emotional and spiritual support.

Contact [molly@centraldenver.com](mailto:molly@centraldenver.com) for specifications/requirements.