

Community Outreach Opportunities

Dear Small Group Leaders,

“And who is my neighbor?” This was the question an expert in the Old Testament Law asked Jesus one day. It is a question that all Christ-Followers should be concerned with, since Jesus was clear that the greatest commandments are to love God and to love our neighbor. In Luke 11:29-37 Jesus tells us who our neighbor is. Our neighbor is a person who is in need, hurting or alone. Our neighbor is the person we come across who needs mercy. Compassion and mercy should characterize our daily lives as followers of Jesus Christ.

In this guide we have provided a number of opportunities for you and your small group to serve the world locally along side each other through the ministry of mercy. We are comfortable as a staff listing the ministries that are advertised in this guide as potential partners with your small group. As the Lord guides you by His Spirit, feel free to use this resource as a way to express His love to your “neighbor.”

It is a pleasure for us to serve you in this way as you seek to “make disciples of all nations,” and lead others to do the same. May our God receive great Glory as you make disciples by “serving the world” with your small group. Please let us know if we can assist you in any other way.

For the Glory of God,

Your Local Disciple-Making Staff

Avondale Area Community Opportunities

ADOPT-A-SENIOR

Adopt a senior adult in Avondale. Go for a visit; take food and other items to them twice a month. This is a great opportunity for your group to get involved in building a disciple-making relationship with someone in the Avondale community.

For more information contact:

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CORNERSTONE SCHOOL

Cornerstone is a school geared towards providing a high quality Christian education to inner city children of Birmingham. We are located in Woodlawn just off of 1st Avenue North and 55th Street (about 3-5 minutes from Avondale). We have high expectations for our students at Cornerstone. Academic success and faith based character building are our emphasis. We believe that the mission of formal education is to ensure that all of our students learn and are equipped to be contributing citizens in their community.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

One-on-one mentor - meets with a child one on one during his/her lunch time.

During that time, the mentor will have the ability to form a strong relationship with the student and provide an opportunity to disciple that child for the entire school year. This will provide the mentor the opportunity to share the love of Christ with these children in a very real and tangible way. This is one of our largest needs.

Tutoring - we are currently looking for tutors for Language Arts and Math (for all grades K-5 through 8th grade).

Activities - If you have a skill that you would like to teach to students, we would love the opportunity to allow you to come in and hold classes for the students. Some examples that are already being done are knitting, dancing, drama, art, creative writing, and debate teams.

Clean-up - there are always opportunities to help clean up the school to make the facilities nicer (ex. painting, yard work, planting flowers, etc)

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Phone:205-591-7600

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info@csalabama.org

MPOWER AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The SMART program provides quality after-school tutoring to children in Avondale. Students receive homework help, skills development, and mentoring two afternoons a week during the school year. Unlike some tutoring programs, our students are matched with a single tutor for an entire year. It is not uncommon for these relationships to last two to three years. Many of our students have been in the SMART program for five years or more. The stability of the program leads to academic improvement, character development, and improved social skills. Through SMART, M-POWER Ministries has developed relationships in the neighborhood schools, with community leaders, and with the families of our students. While our purpose is to minister to the needs of our students, our staff and volunteers also provide ministry and support to the students' family and wider social circle. To volunteer as a tutor please call.

For more information contact:

MPOWER Ministries, 205.595.5959

MPOWER LITERACY TRAINING

M-POWER Literacy is committed to serving these adults in our community through one-to-one literacy instruction. We are one of only two providers and the only Christian provider in Jefferson County that does one-to-one matches of adult learners with trained adult tutors.

M-POWER Literacy recruits and trains adults in the Laubach method of literacy instruction. Tutors are then partnered with a learner. Our learners range from young adults wanting to complete a GED to senior adults wanting to read the Bible. The pair meets at least 1 1/2 hours per week at a time and place convenient to both.

For more information contact:
Beverly Sansom, 205.595.5959

MPOWER MEDICAL CLINIC

The M-Power Clinic seeks to provide quality healthcare and dental care for the uninsured and underinsured citizens of Birmingham. The clinic is open on Tuesday- Thursdays from 4:00p to 7:00p. Volunteers are needed to provided care in the clinic and to help patients fill out paper work.

For more information contact:
Betty McCulloch, 205.595.5959

Hispanic Community Opportunities

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TEACHER/LANGUAGE PARTNERS

We have ESL classes at Brook Hills and in the Birmingham community and need your help. You do not have to speak a second language (Spanish) to participate. ESL classes are strategically designed to help us reach the unchurched Hispanic community.

For more information contact:

Elizabeth Souders, esouders@charter.net or
Victor Cobo, Victor.cobo@vicotkservices.com

HISPANIC AREA LEADERS

We are looking for small groups and individuals to be area leaders in new areas of the Hispanic community that we are seeking to reach near the Brook Hills campus.

For more information contact:

The Community Outreach Staff
Outreach@brookhills.org

HISPANIC COMMUNITY OUTREACH

On a monthly basis we have small groups, and individual men and women from Brook Hills that are reaching out to the Hispanic Communities. Your small group can participate in prayer walking, passing out goods, and serving with outreach activities, while inviting people to ESL classes, Hispanic small groups, and worship gatherings.

For more information contact:

The Community Outreach Staff
Outreach@brookhills.org

Hispanic Childrens Small Groups

We are looking for weekly support to help Hispanic Small Groups with their children during the time their small group meets. We are also looking for Sunday support for our ESL Classes at 4:30 and worship service at 6:00.

For more information contact:

Victor Cobo, victor.cobo@vicotkservices.com

General Community Opportunities

BROTHER BRYAN MISSION

Providing long-term men's shelter ministry

The Brother Bryan Mission is an inter-denominational Christian shelter for 65 homeless men. Established in honor of Dr. James A. Bryan — an extraordinary minister of the gospel who made a profound effect on Birmingham in the early part of the 20th century with his acts of love and kindness to the poor and the needy. Started in 1940 with six beds, it was the first shelter in Birmingham. It moved to its current location in downtown Birmingham in 1981. It is a long-term facility where men may live up to two years and receive the essentials needed for daily living (food, clothing, toiletries and shelter in a clean Christian environment). Chapel services are conducted nightly with assistance from local churches. Narcotic and alcoholic meetings are held weekly for those who struggle with substance abuse. A one-on-one training program is available to improve reading and writing skills. Brother Bryan serves tenants two full meals (breakfast and dinner) and a snack each day. The men who live at the Brother Bryan Mission are required to maintain jobs outside the mission. This helps them to rise above homelessness and gives them back a much stronger sense of self worth. Our goal is to help these men heal spiritually, physically, and emotionally and become “changed lives.”

For more information or a speaker for your group, contact:

Rev. Stephen L. Brown, LPC
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DISASTER RELIEF

Bringing help in an emergency.

Birmingham Baptist Association is on the cutting edge of disaster relief efforts. We have taken the lead in several local efforts: providing training and certification for volunteers, logistical support, temporary housing, food, clothing, and recovery services. BBA disaster relief volunteers and units have also served in other cities and states, including New York City, Florida, south Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- First Response Unit
- Scene Assessment
- Chainsaw Operation
- Mud Out Services
- Clean up and Recovery
- Shower Unit
- Water Purification
- Emergency Food Preparation

Disaster Relief can provide you with an exciting opportunity to help people immediately after natural disasters such as tornados, hurricanes, and windstorms. Our volunteers also assist people with recovery services. These can include cleaning and disinfecting after a flood, sorting through belongings, finding temporary housing, and all the other things that go into “picking up the pieces” and getting back on with their lives. Disaster Relief can be a rewarding way to minister to people in times of tremendous need. You need to be trained to participate in disaster relief work crews. Please register for the next training class—before the disaster happens!

For more information contact:

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DISCOVERY CLUBS OF ALABAMA

Partnering churches with inner city schools

Mission: To teach Biblical truth to children in public schools and to present the gospel message to as many elementary age children as possible, giving them the opportunity to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.

Discovery Clubs of Alabama, Inc. is a service organization that assists churches in conducting after-school Bible clubs in inner-city schools, beginning in the second grade. Children respond to the Gospel message through songs, crafts, games, prizes, memory verses, engaging Bible lessons, and loving teachers and volunteers.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

A church is asked to sponsor one grade at one school by providing the teachers, volunteer mentors, and one church supervisor. Discovery Clubs of Alabama is about to provide the snacks, curricula, training, and organization. We also make the arrangements with the interested schools and continue to oversee the success of the ministry.

For more information contact:

John Glasser, Executive Director

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FIRST LIGHT

A center for homeless women and children

Our mission is working with homeless women, their children and others at risk to create hospitality in a safe and nurturing community, encouraging them to maintain dignity, to find hope, to seek opportunity, and to grow spiritually, thereby achieving their full potential.

Volunteers must be 18 years or older unless they are accompanied by an adult. Many volunteers bring children and spouses to volunteer. Males are welcome to volunteer overnight in the emergency shelter, but must be accompanied by an adult female.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Dinner - Volunteers bring and serve dinner every night of the year. On average we serve 50 guests in our emergency shelter, including permanent housing residents. Bringing and serving dinner at First Light is a great group activity.

Overnight - Volunteers stay overnight in our emergency shelter every night of the year. The volunteers are hosts and hostesses of the emergency shelter.

Duties include handing out toiletries and being present in case the ladies need anything during the night. A good listening ear and a shoulder that can be cried on are preferred characteristics of an overnight volunteer.

For more information contact:

Shannon Horsley, Volunteer Coordinator

Rachel Cabaniss, Development Director

2230 Fourth Ave N (35203)

PH: 205-323-4277, www.firstlightshelter.org

FAMILY CONNECTION

Founded in 1976, Family Connection has expanded from a group home and emergency shelter serving at-risk youth to now include: a school counseling program; a weekend intervention program for youth and their families; street outreach services for runaway and homeless youth; Project Safe Place; and the Shelby County Drug Free Coalition. Not only does Family Connection provide services directly to youth and families, but we also strive to educate the community about important issues.

For More Information Contact:

Main Campus:

(205) 663-6301; Email: shelbyyouth@charterinternet.com

Birmingham Campus:

(205) 252-HOPE (4673); Email: shelbyyouth@charterinternet.com

GRACE HOUSE MINISTRIES

Giving Hope to Girls in Crisis

Grace House Ministries provides a secure Christian Home for young girls ages 6-18 from crisis backgrounds. Through this ministry girls are loved, nurtured, trained and encouraged to become mature godly women. This "House of Grace" reaches far beyond its walls-touching and changing lives one child at a time. Incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1989, Grace House Ministries is supported by contributions from individual donors, civic groups, churches, corporations and various fund-raising projects. Grace House Ministries provides a home for young girls who cannot live with their natural families because of situations such as extreme poverty, dysfunctional and neglectful circumstances.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Ministry and mission-minded houseparent couples to live with, care for, and minister to the children who live at Grace House
- Village Support Office assistance (M, W-F)
- Tutors and mentors from 4-6 pm, Mon-Thurs;
- Sat mornings Groups who can help with lawn care (mowing, trimming, hedges, leaf blowing, etc.)
- Volunteers to help with special events - Hats Off Luncheon on May 7, the holiday gift-wrap booth at the Galleria Mall, etc.
- Groups who can help with handyman repairs to the homes (painting, carpentry, etc.)

For more information contact:

Yolanda Clayton

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HANDS OF HUR

Hands of Hur is a unique Bible-teaching ministry whose vision and mission is to revitalize and strengthen existing Christian ministries. Just as Aaron and Hur held up the hands of Moses during Israel's battle with the Amalekites in Exodus 17, Hands of Hur seeks to "*strengthen the hands of God's servants,*" by providing assistance in the form of sound, biblical teaching. Hands of Hur's primary ministry targets are churches, campus ministries and Christian day schools in the U.S. and abroad. Typically, Hands of Hur contracts with a church, parachurch or some other Christian ministry for a "block" of teaching, such as a conference, weekend retreat or a multi-part series for midweek or Sunday evening services. Hands of Hur also provides teaching for pastoral staff retreats, family conferences, and Christian school teacher in-service events in both all-day and weekend seminar formats. Hands of Hur is a 501c3 non-profit, faith-based ministry incorporated in the State of Alabama. All donations to this ministry are tax-deductible.

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THE JIMMIE HALE MISSION

This Ministry is providing services to the poor and destitute. Founded in 1944, we have four different ministries that demonstrate the love of Christ to those in need. The new Men's Complex, located on 35th St. and 2nd Ave N, is the oldest of the Jimmie Hale Mission's facilities. The Men's Complex houses the men's shelter, mealtimes for our men's ministry, a recovery program, men's clothing distribution and nightly chapel programs.

JESSIE'S PLACE

Jessie's Place is a shelter for homeless and hurting women and children seeking shelter while preparing to reach self-sufficiency. The goal is to assist and empower families who recognize that a change is needed and sincerely want an opportunity to better their lives. If interested, call 323-0170.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- For Laymen: Our Mission Gideon Squadron is a program designed for men to witness one-on-one. You may schedule a time any day 5-6 p.m.
- For the Church: Volunteers to participate in Chapel Services at 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- For Women: Volunteers are needed at our Women and Children Center.
- For All Ages: We serve food each evening at 5:00 p.m. at our new Men's Complex. We need groups of 10 or less people to help us serve the men. We ask that groups book a time with the Men's Complex at 324-2271.

For more information contact:

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JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL MINISTRY

Visit inmates to provide Christian support, starting with life lessons focusing on topics like anger, rebellion, lying and prejudice and ending with biblical education.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Be part of a team that visits inmates. Go into their living space and talk candidly about God's plan to help them with their lives. This requires a 1 day training, a background check and letter of support from church officials, and a commitment to participate at least 2 hours a month for a year.

For more information, contact:

Joel Brumbach 205.780.6211

Wayne Bucher 205.408.1874

THE LOVELADY CENTER

The Lovelady Center is a 6 to 12 month transitional program serving over 300 women and 100 children. Each day, women's lives are changed as they break free of the bonds of substance abuse, criminal thinking, and domestic violence among many other issues. Residents are helped spiritually, mentally, and emotionally by attending a wide range of classes.

The Lovelady Center is always in need of product donations such as toiletries, and clothes. Our Volunteer opportunities range from watching kids in the kid zone to building bunk beds in the new areas, and teaching bible studies and life skills classes. Currently we are still working on the playground, building bunk beds, minor remodeling in some parts of building, plumbing projects, electrical projects, landscape work daily, painting daily, and daily cleaning.

For more information contact:

Christian Williamson or Vernetta Young

PH: 205-833-7410

www.loveladycenter.org

MEALS ON WHEELS

Food ministry to homebound

MISSION: To provide hot nutritious noon meals to the homebound senior citizens in Jefferson County. The delivery volunteer also does a safety check and, when indicated, refers the client to other services that will improve their quality of life.

Meals on Wheels, established in 1976, now delivers approximately 700 hot meals daily to elderly homebound citizens of Jefferson County. Volunteers deliver most of the meals that we provide.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Volunteers are needed to deliver meals on routes of 10-15 stops throughout Jefferson County. You can volunteer daily, once a week, or once or twice a month. We also need substitute volunteers who cannot commit to a regular delivery date but can fill in as needed. Time involved is approximately 1-2 hours between the hours of 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM every weekday.

For more information contact:

Alma Moore, Volunteer Coordinator

3712 4th Ave S. (35222)

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NEW IMPRESSIONS MINISTRY

This ministry works in conjunction with Save-a-Life, Inc. When the ladies decide to keep their child, Save-a-Life offers mentoring and educational programs for the mothers throughout their pregnancy. If they attend all of the programs they are rewarded with a shower. Approximately 8 weeks after the shower Save-a-Life is no longer in contact with the mother. The baby shower is where New Impressions is introduced to the mothers. After the child is born, we contact the mothers and befriend them. We take meals, small gifts, children's Bibles, and develop friendships over the course of several months.

The goal, through these relationships, is to share the gospel with them and support them during this difficult and emotional time in their life.

For more information, contact:

Nanette Bickel, 980-4542, nanettebickel@bellsouth.net

OLIVIA'S HOUSE

Olivia's House is a residential chemical dependency treatment center that offers comprehensive services ranging from medical services to an on-site childcare center for women and their children. Olivia's House offers 12-step groups, parenting training, living skills training, and other services. A woman can bring three children into the program with her, ages newborn to ten years. They may reside at Olivia's House for one year, (the average length of stay is expected to be six months), if they meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Client must have an alcohol and/or drug problem.
- Client must be at least sixteen (16) years of age.
- Client must have legal and physical custody of at least one child that is ten years old or younger.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Assistants in the Child Care Center
- Transportation Services Assistants
- General Office Help: filing, answering telephones, etc.

For more information contact:

Kelly Driver, Program Director

2101 Daniel Payne Drive, Building #3 (35214)

PH: 205-791-2042

THE OLD FIREHOUSE SHELTER

The Old Firehouse Shelter is for homeless adult men. This shelter functions through four main programs: First our Soup Kitchen serves lunch to more than 200 men, women and children. The Day Program gives personal help in areas relating to educational, social and professional needs. The Night Shelter provides sleeping for 45-50 men every night. Supper and breakfast are prepared and served to the overnight guests. Also, Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held three days a week

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Soup Kitchen: Volunteers cook, serve and clean up after the noon meal.

Day Program: We are looking for caring volunteers who want to host guests and support the staff. We need volunteers to help in our laundry room, serve snacks and assist guests.

Night Shelter: Overnight volunteers are the sole supporters of this program. There are two groups of volunteers each night. One group donates and serves the evening meal and the second group registers overnight guests and spends the night at the shelter.

For more information contact:

Steve Freeman, Director, PH: 205-252-9571

1501 3rd Ave N Post Office Box 11722 (35202)

PATHWAYS

A homeless shelter for women

Our Mission is to end homelessness for women and children through hospitality, housing, and hope. Pathways provides supportive services and housing for homeless women and children so that they can become self-sufficient and make their way back into the Birmingham community.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Individuals or Small Groups to help prepare (or bring) and serve meals for our Day Center Program; help with light yard-work or facilities upkeep; to be a positive model for our children by mentoring.

For more information contact:

Volunteer Coordinator: Stephanie Chestnut,

409 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd N (35203)

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www.pathwayshome.org

RESTORATION ACADEMY

Restoration is a K5-grade 12 school whose vision is to address the urban crisis by providing solid, Christ-centered foundations in education and discipleship. Their primary education objective is twofold: to develop character in the lives of our students and to provide every student with a quality academic foundation.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Tutoring: New students, coming from the public school system are in desperate need of remedial tutoring in math, reading, and grammar. Times are available throughout the day, depending on the teacher's schedule.

Mentoring: The mission of our school has its roots in Isaiah 58:12. We need men and women of strong faith and good character to invest in our students.

Monthly Luncheons: Join us the 1st Thursday of each month at 12pm to hear about the vision of the school and why it's essential that God's people care for this community.

For More Information Contact:

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SAV-A-LIFE INC.

Sav-A-Life, Inc., the Vestavia Hills Center has been serving the men and women of Jefferson county Alabama and other outlying counties since 1980. Their mission is to see the truth of God's Word birthed in the hearts of men and women and to boldly proclaim the sanctity of all human life. Sav-A-Life, Vestavia's staff and volunteers educate both men and women about the alternatives to abortion, post abortion syndrome and sexually transmitted diseases. With this knowledge they are empowered to make informed decisions and bring needed restoration to their lives.

VOLUNTEER OPORTUNITIES:

Volunteers help in a variety of ways to offer positive solutions to the spiritual, mental and emotional causes and results of crisis pregnancies. A few of our volunteer opportunities include: counselor, receptionist, mentors, baby shower hostess, church liaison, and administrative help.

For More Information Contact:

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SAV-A-LIFE SHELBY

Sav-A-Life Shelby exist to glorify God through sharing the gospel, love and the hope of Jesus Christ to women in crisis, as they uphold the sanctity of human life. They offer free confidential pregnancy tests to every woman who enters the center. A client advocate or peer counselor meets with each woman one on one.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

They depend on trained volunteers to be able to meet the needs of women coming to their centers. Volunteers usually work a four hour shift each week. They need mentors for the women who enter the center and volunteers to assist the women as they fill out paper work.

For more information contact:

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Sav-A-Life 205-664-1016

SHEPHERD'S FOLD

Shepherd's Fold is a men's halfway house for select candidates leaving incarceration and returning to society as productive citizens. The purpose of this Christian in-house treatment program, for non-sex offenders, is to establish personal discipline, gain employment, in order to be independent again without falling into bad habits and the wrong crowds.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Churches and individuals can have a witness through scheduled volunteer activities such as providing a meal for 20-25 men, donations of bedding, work clothes, furniture, appliances, old vehicles, etc.

For more information, contact:

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