

ROOTED SERVE EXPERIENCE 2021
Opportunities to Serve with our Domestic Mission Partners

Cherished Rooted Facilitators,

Thank you for undertaking the Rooted Experience with us! We pray that you're finding this to be a fruitful journey and that God will continue to speak to you as you pursue Him throughout the coming weeks.

Below, you'll find an array of details about a select few of Christ Church's Domestic Mission Partners. We have compiled this list in anticipation of the Serve Experience, part of our Rooted curriculum during Weeks 6 and 7. Ideally you will be able to undertake the Serve Experience with your group sometime during that two-week span; however, we understand that scheduling can be a challenge and encourage you to serve at a time that fits for your group.

Because schedules fluctuate from group to group, we have not "cemented a date and time" with each partner by default — although some partners do have set schedules, as listed below. Instead, we encourage you to discuss these opportunities with your Rooted group, then reach out to the Ministry Contact at the organization of your choice to schedule a date and time to serve. Please don't hesitate to send them questions about the ministries or the opportunities; they have been notified about our Rooted groups and are looking forward to meeting you!

As we articulated at the Vision Night, if you and your group already have another idea for a possible service project, please do go for it. While we want to come alongside your groups and support you in serving, we don't want to hinder your creativity. Ultimately, we trust that the Holy Spirit will guide all of us through this journey, and we look forward to the "holy surprises" He has yet to reveal.

As always, feel free to reach out to us at groups@christchurch.us with any questions about the Rooted Experience itself. And if you'd like to explore in greater depth the Mission Partners Christ Church supports, we hope you'll email Peter Celauro at the address below. He would be thrilled to answer your questions and chat about some of the ways that God might be calling you personally to serve.

With great gratitude,

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Breakthrough Urban Ministries

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Ministry Contact:

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Ministry Overview:

Located in Chicago's East Garfield Park neighborhood, Breakthrough partners with those affected by poverty to build connections, develop skills and open doors of opportunity. Breakthrough seeks to improve community outcomes by addressing spiritual formation, housing, health and wellness, workforce/education development and violence prevention.

Potential Serve Opportunities for Rooted Groups:

- **Serve a Manna Meal | Daily | All Manna Mealtimes**
- <https://breakthrough.org/manna-meals/>
 - Prepare and serve a meal to Breakthrough guests experiencing homelessness. Meals can be catered or prepared at home and delivered. Opportunities are available for men, women or both at breakfast, lunch and dinner.
 - To serve in person through the Manna ministry, please contact Tony Daniels at adaniels@breakthrough.org.
- **Fresh Market Food Pantry | 3334 W Carroll Ave, Chicago, Illinois 60624**
- <https://breakthrough.org/fresh-market-volunteer/>
 - The Fresh Market is a client-choice food pantry that provides groceries and various supplies to families in East Garfield Park. Residents also receive access to legal aid, food stamps, housing and employment information, financial management, GED certification and family workshops.
 - All volunteers are required to wear cloth face coverings or masks when they come to the Fresh Market.
 - **Fresh Market Food Pantry Days/Times:**
 - **Fresh Market Setup Assistant**
 - Help unload the food trucks, organize food, and set up the market. Assist in staging the market for distribution. This includes stocking shelves, sorting, and purging groceries by both expiration date & condition/health of the item, and cleaning the refrigerator.
 - Wednesdays: 10 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.
 - Fridays: 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.
 - **Fresh Market Shopper Assistant**

- Greet guests when they arrive. Assist shoppers with their groceries, bag groceries, and replenish items as needed. Assist guests in bringing their groceries to their cars.
- Thursdays: 9:30 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.
- Saturdays: 9:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
- **Fresh Market Delivery Driver**
 - Load your personal vehicle with groceries and deliver to community members in the neighborhood. Contact list will be given from the Fresh Market coordinator.
 - 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month: 9:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
- Must have a vehicle, 4 volunteers maximum.

- **Garden Care | Daily | Daytime and Evening Hours**
 - Assist a team of gardeners to grow and harvest produce for Breakthrough's kitchens and neighborhood.

- **Greater Chicago Food Depository | 4100 W Ann Lurie Pl., Chicago, IL 60632**
 - Help Breakthrough earn food credit by sorting food, repacking food, labeling and gathering donations. Register at <https://chicagosfoodbank.org/volunteer> and indicate Breakthrough affiliation on the application.

- There are a variety of other opportunities to serve at Breakthrough, including many **working with youth in various after-school programs**. To learn more, visit <https://breakthrough.org/volunteer/>.

By the Hand Club

415 N. Laramie, Chicago, IL 60644

Moving Everest Charter School: 416 N. Laramie (across the street)

Ministry Contact:

Lauren Wolf | Director of Strategic Engagement

lauren.wolf@bythehand.org | 805-403-3010

Ministry Overview:

By The Hand Club For Kids is a faith-based after-school program that emphasizes academic excellence while nurturing the whole child — mind, body and soul. By The Hand serves more than 1,500 first- through 12th-graders in Chicago's under-resourced neighborhoods.

After school — when most crimes against kids are committed — By The Hand mentors and tutors children in a safe environment; provides for their physical well-being with nutritious meals and health care, including dental check-ups and cleanings and eye exams; and invites

them into the good news of the Gospel. In 2019, 71% of By The Hand graduates enrolled in college, 83% professed faith in Jesus and 100% received warm and nutritious meals daily.

Potential Serve Opportunities for Rooted Groups:

- **After-School Club | Monday through Thursday each week | 4:00 — 7:00 p.m.**
 - Volunteer at By The Hand's after-school program in Chicago's Austin neighborhood. Groups will provide homework help, work with students on a reading program, serve meals and join kids in fellowship. The goal: create an environment where kids are known, loved and equipped to thrive.
- **Saturday Thanksgiving Food Pantry | Saturday, November 20**
 - For more information, contact Lauren Wolf via information above.
- *Other opportunities to serve at By the Hand Club: <https://bythehand.org/volunteer/>*

Christ Church/Salvation Army Food Pantry

Salvation Army Oakbrook Terrace | 1 S. 415 Summit Ave, Villa Park, IL 60181

Ministry Contact:

Doug Nelson | Co-founder & lay leader
itenelson@aol.com | 630-674-7116

Ministry Overview:

Looking for a way to serve those in need right here in our community? Consider volunteering at the Salvation Army with the Christ Church Food Pantry team!

In 2004, a group of Christ Church members felt a stirring to serve the struggling families in our area. In the 17 years since, the Food Pantry Team has provided food and clothing to well over 60,000 men, women and children. This lay-led team of Christ Church volunteers partners monthly with the Salvation Army in Oakbrook Terrace to serve the needs of local families — often 100 or more in a single morning — with food, clothing, shoes, Bibles, fellowship and prayer.

Potential Serve Opportunities for Rooted Groups:

The Food Pantry takes place on **the second Saturday of every month** at 1 S. 415 Summit Avenue in Oakbrook Terrace from 8:00 - 11:15 a.m. On the day of the pantry, the Christ Church team distributes food to guests, helps carry groceries out to cars and assists in clean-up.

There are a number of ways to serve the Food Pantry throughout throughout the week preceding the Pantry (although contact with clients is only possible on Saturday):

- Thursday | 5:45 — 6:15 p.m. | Loading racks of food out of the Butterfield building and into the truck for transport to the Salvation Army
- Friday | 1:30 — 4:00 p.m. | Setup at the Salvation Army
- Saturday | 7 a.m. — 11:15 a.m. | Food Pantry at the Salvation Army
 - PRAYER & CARE TEAM: Additionally, a Rooted group could serve together as a “Prayer and Care” team at the Pantry, meeting clients and praying for them and their needs.

Food and Clothing Supplies Sorting

- Much of the Food Pantry’s food and clothing is provided through donations to Christ Church’s various drives. These items must be sorted and organized prior to distribution. Rooted groups are invited to try an exciting and invaluable two-pronged Serve Experience: Assist in sorting one day, then attend the Pantry to distribute the items to families! To learn more and sign up, contact the lay leaders below:
 - **Food Donations (Butterfield Campus):**
 - Rick Blauw | rickanddee@comcast.net
 - **Clothing Donations (Oak Brook Campus):**
 - Debbie Barker | dbarker953@comcast.net

Emmaus

4201 N. Troy St., Chicago, IL 60618

Ministry Contact:

Jonn Blazey | Director of Partnership + Story
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Ministry Overview:

Trafficking and exploitation of men and boys continue to grow at an unprecedented rate, both in Chicago and around the world. Contrary to popular perception, 36% of those victimized by the sex trade are men. However, because men are typically viewed as oppressors rather than victims, there are virtually no services available to male victims and survivors of trafficking and exploitation. They are often overlooked, misunderstood, stereotyped, ignored and left without support. Facing this challenge requires strategy, innovation, collaboration and prayer.

Emmaus Ministries builds Christ-centered relationships of trust with men in survival prostitution on the streets of Chicago, helping them to rebuild their lives. They also partner with law enforcement to address the root causes of trafficking and exploitation and cut off the cycle before it starts.

Potential Serve Opportunity for Rooted Groups:

- **Immersion Night | Friday or Saturday Nights, 10 p.m. and later**
 - Volunteers travel downtown and meet with Emmaus staff at a central location in the city, then travel together to some of the neighborhoods Emmaus serves.
 - Christ Church members “shadow” the Emmaus staff as they perform street outreach to the men they encounter. The team provides the love of Christ, meals, practical help in escaping the sex trade and the hope of a brighter future.
 - Immersion nights allow volunteers to experience the settings where survival prostitution takes place and gain a new perspective, building awareness of the need and developing a heart to help.
- **Opportunities for ongoing service:**
 - Building care packs (distributed to men on the streets)
 - Contribute skilled assistance with legal, accounting, and other needs
- Emmaus also provides training (documentary and discussion) for those interested in learning more about the ministry.
- Comments from Emmaus staff:
 - *“Many people are incredulous when they first hear about the problems we’re trying to address. They can’t believe that such circumstances exist. But when you come downtown and imagine yourself as a 16-year-old from rural Illinois who arrives in the city on a bus with nothing and no one to turn to, the path so many take into this cycle becomes more clear. This is an opportunity to learn, engage, ask questions, and then develop a heart of mercy for a group of people that most people do not see.”*
 - *“This is not your typical serve opportunity, so there is a certain amount of risk. But in our 30 years of doing this work, we’ve never had any issues with safety and none of our staff or volunteers have ever been harmed. In addition to using ‘street smarts’ as we engage with the neighborhood, we have been blessed that the Lord continues to care for and protect our ministry.”*
- Other opportunities to serve with Emmaus: <https://streets.org/get-involved/>

Fox Valley Christian Action

35W624 Riverwoods Lane, St. Charles, IL 60174

Ministry Contact:

Jay Curtis | President & CEO

jay@fvchristianaction.org | 630-584-2222 x206

Ministry Overview:

The Mission of Fox Valley Christian Action is to help the local church serve under-resourced communities around them. Their passion is to see the power of the Gospel transform lives of families living in local public and subsidized housing communities. They accomplish this through

residential summer camps, school-year teen programming and after-school kids clubs with Crossroads Kids Clubs.

Potential Serve Opportunities for Rooted Groups:

- **Assisting FVCA facilities team**
 - Painting buildings, repairs, building decks
 - Washing walls and windows, stacking firewood, pulling weeds
 - Indoor and outdoor opportunities are available on both weekdays or weekends.
- **Delivering Gifts**
 - FVCA is piloting a gift program serving underprivileged kids. Volunteers are needed to deliver the gifts.
- **Student Ministry**
 - Other ongoing opportunities are available to serve in Fox Valley Christian Action's weekly program for middle and high schoolers. Contact Jay Curtis above for more details.

Inner City Impact

2348 South Laramie Avenue, Cicero, IL 60804, USA

Ministry Contact:

Jeremy Lamour

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Ministry Overview:

Inner City Impact works with children and teens in urban neighborhoods where the challenges of daily life severely affect their ability to pursue healthy and happy childhoods. ICI develops programs where kids can feel safe, be engaged in wholesome activities, build healthy relationships, expand their self-worth, and develop the life skills they need to move confidently toward a better future.

ICI's mentorship programs build healthy relationships characterized by respect and trust, allowing kids to see themselves through God's eyes and recognize their own self-worth and potential. It's through these relationships that youth learn to be the kind of leaders that will impact future generations.

Inner City Impact's mission is to present the living Christ, primarily to unchurched, inner city children and youth; to disciple them and integrate them into a local church.

Potential Serve Opportunities for Rooted Groups:

- *Other opportunities to serve at Inner City Impact: <https://www.icichicago.org/volunteer/>*

Pacific Garden Mission

1458 S. Canal St., Chicago, IL 60607

Ministry Contact:

Stephen Welch | Director of Development

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Ministry Overview:

Founded in 1877, Pacific Garden Mission (PGM) is the oldest continuously operating Gospel rescue mission in the country. PGM meets the physical needs of Chicago’s homeless and hurting men, women and children 365 days a year — serving 2,000 hot, nutritious meals and sheltering more than 400 people each day.

PGM also nurtures emotional and spiritual well-being through transformational, Christ-focused programs and care that help people discover Jesus, beat addiction, restore families and move toward flourishing. Beyond Chicago, PGM makes an impact for Christ with TV and YouTube programming and the award-winning radio drama, “UNSHACKLED!”

Potential Serve Opportunities for Rooted Groups:

- Groups of 10-20 can assist with food service and have fellowship with guests over meals served.
- Specific to Christ Church: “Rooted Groups may come on a Saturday when Pastor Phil Kwiatkowski, PGM President, is here. They would be welcome to come to his office, hear from him about the mission and vision of PGM and ask questions about an organization that’s been practicing domestic mission since 1877.”
- *Other opportunities to serve at Pacific Garden Mission:*
<https://www.pgm.org/get-involved/volunteer-2/>

Resilient

136 E. Highland Ave., Villa Park, IL 60181

Ministry Contact:

Dagmar Porcelli | Executive Director

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Ministry Overview:

Resilient is a Christian Community Development organization born from the missions ministry of Christ Church as part of the "Take Root" initiative. Launched into independence as its own

501(C)3 in 2018, Resilient provides opportunities for youth and families in pockets of suburban poverty just minutes from Christ Church's two campuses.

Resilient envisions a community where all children gain self-worth and thrive despite challenging circumstances. Their in-school mentoring programs come alongside and support elementary and high school students. And their new "Upstart" program connects non-college-bound students with professional mentors, helping them learn the skills required to seek a rewarding, lucrative career in the construction trades — with unique opportunities to enter a trade apprenticeship program.

Resilient also supports adults with computer and literacy classes and offers free "Thursday Night Meals" for community members in need.

Potential Serve Opportunities for Rooted Groups:

(NOTE: For the safety of the students being served, all Resilient volunteers must undergo a background check and be fully vaccinated for COVID-19.)

- **"Third Thursday" Meals | New Life Community Church | 136 E Highland Ave, Villa Park, IL 60181**
 - Resilient is seeking volunteers to help with the Thursday Night Meals, serving dinner monthly to students, families and neighbors in need of nourishment. Dinners also include presentations on life skills from various experts, prayer support and Bible distribution.
 - Thursday Dinners take place at New Life Community Church in Villa Park on the third Thursday of each month. Volunteers will help with setting up the meals, assist with serving and clean-up, and spend time chatting and praying with the people in attendance.
 - Meals are served outside during warm weather, but when cold weather arrives, meals will either move indoors or transition to drive-through, depending on local COVID numbers. Check with Dagmar Porcelli at information above for details.
- **UPSTART Program | New Life Community Church | 136 E Highland Ave, Villa Park, IL 60181**
 - **UPSTART** provides non-college-bound students the skills necessary to seek a rewarding and lucrative career in the construction trades, and an opportunity to enter a trade apprenticeship program. Experts in a variety of fields are needed to provide mentorship, teaching, guidance and encouragement.
- There are a variety of other opportunities to serve with Resilient in the Villa Park area, including student mentorship and community care. Visit resilientstrong.com/getinvolved for more details.

World Relief

191 S Gary Ave Ste 130, Carol Stream, IL 60188

Ministry Contact:

Keith Draper | Church & Volunteer Engagement Director
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Ministry Overview:

World Relief DuPage/Aurora works to foster a movement among local churches to create welcoming communities where refugees and immigrants thrive. In partnership with the local church, World Relief works to see the most vulnerable people transformed economically, socially, and spiritually. In the wake of the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan, World Relief is on the front lines assisting Afghan refugees in our area.

Potential Serve Opportunities for Rooted Groups:

NOTE: Due to high volumes of volunteer applicants responding to the Afghan evacuation, it may take a week or more to provide next steps for certain volunteer roles.

One-Time Opportunities

- **Transportation Assistant:** Welcome and empower refugees as they access new places, whether it's picking them up from the airport upon arrival or helping them get to various appointments.
- **Apartment Set-up Assistant:** Create a welcoming environment for refugees and immigrants in their new homes by delivering and setting up household items.

Ongoing Opportunities

- **Youth Tutor:** Build relationships by coming alongside a refugee or immigrant youth and their parent(s) as they adjust to homework, school, and parenting in the U.S. in the midst of the pandemic.
- **English Language Tutor:** Practice conversational English and language skills with an adult refugee or immigrant, becoming friends in the process! (Note: Language tutors must be Illinois residents due to funding stipulations).
- **Young Adult Mentor:** Mentor a young adult refugee as they prepare for the next step in their higher education or career path, building their confidence and your relationship in the process.
- **Health Advocate:** Provide friendship and support to a refugee or asylee individual or family who is facing extra challenges or barriers to receiving the services they need, or is simply experiencing additional stress under COVID.
- **Citizenship Tutor:** Assist immigrants in preparing for their citizenship interview and exam in a one-on-one or small group setting. Held on various evenings/Saturday mornings at partner sites both in-person and virtually across our DuPage and Aurora suburban locations.