

Extend Grace Day Project Summary – January 28, 2012

1. Bridging Inc. (Volunteers age 14 and older)

Bridging is a warehouse environment that collects new and gently used furniture and household items, which are given to over 5,000 needy families each year. Referred families have the opportunity for a once-in-a-lifetime shopping experience to equip their homes as they transition from shelters, refugee camps, or other life-altering circumstances.

What we will do: Work together with other people from Grace to sort, unload and assemble donated products.

2. Community Emergency Services (Volunteers ages 5-6 and older)

CES is located in the Phillips neighborhood in Minneapolis. It provides multiple services to families in crisis, the elderly and shut-ins. They have a food shelf in their facility.

What we will do: In small teams sort donated product and re-stock the food shelf. There are always many organizational tasks to be accomplished at CES.

3. Union Gospel Mission, Naomi House (Volunteers able and willing to paint)

Union Gospel Mission serves the poor and homeless in the metro area through their men's and women's facilities. Naomi House is a women's shelter.

What we will do: As a team we will be assisting with some painting projects and will get to know other Grace volunteers in the process.

4. Salvation Army (Volunteers age 8 and older)

Salvation army has an extensive history of meeting the physical and spiritual needs of the neediest members of our cities.

What we will do: As a team, we will work in the Roseville warehouse to help sort donated product for distribution to children and families.

5. GCR Visits with the elderly (Volunteers of any age)

Many of our elderly attendees of Grace Church desire to be active participants, but may have limitations due to their stage of life and health. Some of them find it more difficult to get around during the winter months.

What we will do: Serve in small teams, or as a family, to bring a treat to share and spend some time visiting in the homes of some of our elderly.

6. Keystone Food Shelf (Volunteers of any age)

Keystone Food Shelf is an organization right in the Roseville community that provides food to needy families.

What we will do: As a team we will work on site at GCR to divide bulk product into smaller units that can be readily distributed by the food shelf to individuals and families.

7. Presbyterian Homes (Volunteers of any age)

Presbyterian Homes is a residence facility for the elderly. They love visitors and there is great opportunity to talk about faith and be an encouragement to them.

What we will do: Have conversations, show love and play bingo with elderly residents.

8. Feed My Starving Children, Eagan Location (Volunteers age 5 and older)

***This project requires pre-registration. Use the following link to register;**

<http://volunteer.fmssc.org/Register/site/FindGroup.aspx?command=searchforjoinpermanent&mode=5>

*Then enter Join Code **142421** to join the Grace Group*

FMSC is a non-profit warehouse operation that collects and distributes food to areas of the world impacted by disaster and crisis.

What we will do: Volunteers will work as teams to bag and pack boxes of individual meals to be shipped to areas of need throughout the world.

9. Hidden Treasures (Volunteers of any age)

Hidden Treasures is a Thrift Store environment that uses a portion of its proceeds to benefit those impacted by issues related to human trafficking in Southeast Asia. They receive donations from a variety of sources, which are then sold in the thrift store.

What we will do: Get to know other people from Grace while assisting thrift store staff in organizing and sorting.

10. Urban Ventures

Urban Ventures is a faith-based organization that ministers to the community of south Minneapolis through youth programming, job skills training and parenting classes.

What we will do: We will work as a team to help with cleaning projects around their youth center.

**Any groups desiring to serve together are encouraged to contact Reina Brekke @ brie98@comcast.net to confirm space in a specific project.*