

What Can YOU Do in Project U rban R evitalization, G od E xperienced?

Check out the list below. Decide what the right fit might be for you or your group. Then, call us or send an e-mail and we'll put you in touch with the person heading that team or initiative.



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Entry-level Participation:

- 1) **Bread Run** – On Saturday mornings pick up bread and baked goods from Tops and distribute to homeless shelters, soup kitchens and organizations serving the under-resourced. Volunteers would make the “run” approximately twice in a 3-month period
- 2) **Newsletter** - Write articles for the Project URGE newsletter two to four times a year or help prepare newsletters for mailing
- 3) **Point Person** – Become a point person in your congregation, helping to publicize Project URGE events and helping to stimulate individuals and small groups to serve
- 4) **URGency Collection** – Help collect winter ware and food items once or twice a year
- 5) **Social Events** – Serve on a team to plan and coordinate the Project URGE dinner and picnic
- 6) **General Meetings** – Represent your church or organization at Project URGE general meetings, which are intended to keep people informed, connected and sharing ideas. Our meetings are open and listed on our website.
- 7) **Financial Support** – One time gift or monthly support of \$25, \$50 or more.
- 8) **URGent Presentation & Tour** – Help plan, set-up, publicize and organize the event
- 9) **Prayer Team** – Participate in praying for the organizations, ministries and initiatives with which Project URGE is involved and city missions.
- 10) **Jacob's Ladder Team** – If you're comfortable with a hammer, tools, paintbrush, etc., this team is a good fit. They generally work the 2nd & 3rd Saturdays each month from 8am-noon. You can sign up for a particular project or be a consistent team member.
- 11) **Saturday Sunshine Program** – This program is for kids 6-16 yrs. of age, which is educational, entertaining and edifying. We take some wonderful day trips and treat the youth to some great experiences.
- 12) **MINO (Mothers In Need of Others Team)** – Sorting, cleaning and boxing donations.

Medium-level Participation:

- 1) **Summer Camps** – Volunteer to help with summer camps at various churches and organizations by serving as counselor, craft person, sports activity, Bible study preparation, lead a hike, collect snacks for the various camps or have your church sponsor the camp for 2 days or a week.
- 2) **Grant Research** – Spend time researching potential grants and informing Project URGE and affiliates of the grants and research that align with our needs and initiatives.
- 3) **Publicity** – Help coordinate and plan strategies for publicizing our needs, successes and special events. Keeping our donors informed of progress and imminent plans
- 4) **Fundraising** – Volunteer to host a fundraising event or be part of a team to plan one or two
- 5) **Website Updates** – Help us update the information on our website approximately every other week.
- 6) **Graphic Design** – Assist in graphic design of our promotional material and publicity and news.
- 7) **MINO** – Pick-up & delivery of furniture and appliances, mending clothes, simple home repairs

Deeper Impact-level Participation:

1) **F.O.R.T.H. (Faith Organizations Restoring & Transitioning Homeless**

- a. Volunteer to become a mentor to a family for at least one year (approximately twice a month)
- b. Assist in raising funds for this program specifically
- c. Help train the mentors
- d. Coordinate the housing piece of the proposal

2) **Hearts In Homes** – Helping low-income families and individuals become homeowners in specific neighborhoods.

- a. Help with renovation and construction
- b. Volunteer as a mentor/advisor
- c. Offer real estate expertise and consultation
- d. Assist in raising funds for this program specifically

3) **Christian Community Development**

- a. Help others implement strategies of the 4 Point Plan – church partnering w/organizations and other churches
- b. Assist in drawing neighborhoods and organizations together to adopt a strategy of working together
- c. Examine and assist in implementing a wholistic, multi-level strategy for transforming under-resourced neighborhoods
- d. Attend CCDA (Christian Community Development Association) Conferences, seminars & workshops or listen to workshop CDs and DVDs in training for deeper involvement
- e. Help develop a business climate in specific areas URGE works

4) **Urban/Suburban Youth Mission** – involve the youth by partnering with this team. This will include service projects, music, entertaining activities, Bible study and examining strategies for breaking down walls and barriers related to poverty, race, class and denominations.

5) **Grant Writing** – help write grants specific to our proposed initiatives and expanding upon what is in progress

6) **Volunteer Coordination** – help with lining up service projects for church groups and schools

6) **Church Partnering** – Work on efforts to bring more churches to the table to facilitate a more unified approach toward collaborative efforts between other churches and organizations. Take out the me and put in WE for the good of our community. “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”.

Since our first formal meeting in March of 2002, we began the process of partnering people of faith in suburban and rural church settings with churches and organizations in urban settings - primarily along the “poverty crescent” in Rochester. The intent was to draw people together from the faith community, with differing backgrounds and racial diversity to impact existing ministries and agencies with support through volunteering and finances.

Our belief is that by working together, we strengthen efforts and have a greater opportunity for a lasting impact on our community, but also in this process, the walls and barriers dividing us denominationally, racially and in class begin to fall. Additionally, in this regard, we sought to create a forum for greater communication of what programs can be a shared responsibility cross denominationally. This process began to occur from the onset of the organization and continues in an even more prolific way presently.

As you can see from our material, there is a volunteer opportunity that waits for any person willing to step forward. You know your strengths, passions and availability. Please consider joining our efforts.

The path is chosen and Lord has provided the steps. It’s up to you to walk them.