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The Serve Experience

Here are some great ways to serve as a Growth Group in our community. If none of these resonate, we'd be happy to help you brainstorm!

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In-Person Groups

Volunteer at Love's Treasure

Love's Treasure is a Ministry supplying People in need with free household furniture and appliances. We need volunteers to assist with cleaning and reorganizing inventory in their storage containers. Would your group consider helping?

- If you and your group would like to help, please contact **Todd Huff** at lovestreasure.com

Volunteer at the Food Bank

Volunteers are vital to the mission of Second Harvest Food Bank. They depend on the time and efforts of many food bank volunteers to help them better serve our community.

- If you are interested in volunteering as a group, please go to the **Second Harvest Food Bank** website, localfoodbank.org/volunteer, to find out more.

Pregnancy Help Center

The Pregnancy Help Center of Manteca is a faith-based Christian ministry. They exist to provide a confidential, safe, loving place where young women and men can come to discuss their situation with trained advocates and receive the best, most up-to-date information for them to make informed decisions.

- To learn how to get involved, contact **Cara Lehr** at phcofmanteca@gmail.com

Meal for a Family at Hope Family Shelters

A meal can be a welcome encouragement for families in transition. You could arrange a pizza meal and connect with the family. Ask how they got where they are, and what their thoughts are about living at a “shelter”. Consider asking how their children are processing it, what they are thinking about their future, and how they can be prayed for. Appreciate them and pray with them.

- You can contact **Hope Family Shelters** by going to their website, hopefamilyshelters.org/get-involved, or calling them at (209) 824-0658.

Online Groups

Help a Neighbor with Yard Work

Agree as a group to extend help to **their neighbors** in need of assistance with work in their yards. Make a goal for each group member to perform the task on the same day, if possible (if not, set the expectation for the same week). Take the opportunity to chat and expand your relationship with your neighbor.

Adopt a School

Choose a school that your group can support through alternative means. Contact the principal at the selected school, identify your group’s desire to be supportive, and ask about current needs that teachers have. Maybe it is a practical need for material items that can be dropped off. Perhaps an encouraging note with a gift card is needed to acknowledge the challenge of teaching during a pandemic.

Appreciate a Postal Carrier

Imagine the surprise on a Postal Carrier’s face that receives a Thank You card (and appreciate the irony). Each member of your group can write a special message of appreciation and give it to (or leave it to be found by) the Postal Carrier. If you have never met your postal carrier, take this opportunity to introduce yourself in this message. Invite a return note from your carrier to ignite a relationship. Want to increase the level of surprise? Consider including a gift card to a restaurant.

73 Community Service Project Ideas

Still not sure which Serve Experience fits well for your Growth Group? **DoSomething.org** has put together a list of community service project ideas. Whether that’s collecting, fixing, volunteering, or something else, you should be able to find something to inspire your group to get out there and serve.

- To learn more, go to dosomething.org/projectideas