Flexible Projects – Can be tailored to your small group

- **Neighbors – Individual Projects (priority on Single Moms, Low SES, Elderly, Disabled, etc.)**
    - Who do you know that has a need? Ask your group to brainstorm on people they know who could use a helping hand (or a bunch of them) for things they can't do alone.
        - Prefer to serve non-BPF attendees for this event.
        - NOT for your small group members (we should be doing that all year long)
        - Examples:
            - Yard work
            - Minor home repairs
            - Car care
            - General cleaning
- **Neighborhoods – Block Parties**
    - This could be done as a group or as individuals. If you have several SG members in the host home neighborhood, get everyone together as a "get to know you" party. Or maybe host a Halloween block party for your neighbors. You can then hand out candy to kids as a group.
        - Examples:
            - Cook out with burgers, hot dogs or brats.
            - Ice cream social with neighbors.
            - Include Corn Hole or other outdoor games.
            - Simple get-to-know-you event with cold drinks (reminder - no alcohol for small group events)
            - Halloween block party. Socialize and hand out candy as a group.
- **Elderly – Assisted Living Parties**
    - Facilities that we have discussed this idea with:
        - Carriage Inn, Kennedy Thompson. Tue, Thur, Fri, Every 2nd Sunday for Worship @ 2:00. Evenings are okay.
        - Brazos Healthcare (Nexian) – Wed and Fri after 1:00, evenings okay (Kailey Robinson, 713-386-9437
        - This would be a great one for youth small groups to join in!!
            - Ideas:
                - Nail painting for women, Jewelry making, games (cards, dominos, simple board games, bingo), Karaoke, teaching dances, crafts (making bracelets, or other jewelry), snacks, ice cream, group bible study, listening to stories. BPF has a theater-style popcorn machine that could be used.

Pre-Defined Projects – Projects waiting for groups to come in and work.

- **Neighbors in Need – Projects for Local Ministry Partners**
  - **TTLM**
    - Connections meal on Thursday evenings – one small group (~10 ppl).
      - Prepare meal for ~30 people (prefer homemade, but not required)
      - Join the group for the evening for meal, games and discussion
      - Need Oct. 16 and Oct. 30 from 5:30 (setup) to ~8:00.
    - Organize donations for Refresh or Interview clothes (~ 4 to 6 people)
      - Flexible time, but prefer to be during working hours
    - TTLM could use multiple individuals to answer phones, help with scheduling and "chatting" with clients (first impressions-type role).
      - At the volunteer's convenience during the week.
  - **PHC**
    - HOPE class meals and Graduation treats (Tuesday evenings @~6:30)
      - Oct. 28 HOPE class (meal)
      - Nov. 4 HOPE class (meal)
    - Blessings for Babies
      - Oct 18, 9:00 to 1:00 - Need 2 groups
      - Oct 12-17 setup for Blessings for Babies - Need 2 groups (youth SG friendly)
    - Diaper Drive Through
      - Setup for Diaper Drive Through on Nov. 7 (afternoon) - Need 1 or 2 groups. (youth SG friendly)
      - Diaper Drive Through on Nov. 8 (tentative) - Need 2 groups
    - Youth specific projects:
      - Assembling education materials (binding books, etc.)
      - Assembling Mommy Bags
      - Several cleaning things: light fixtures, decluttering/organizing spaces, deep cleaning the kitchen, wash outside windows,
      - Pressure washing
      - Weeding flower beds
      - Banquet Prep

- **Texas Port Ministry**
  - Monday meals beginning Oct. 6 – Nov. 3 (for 80 – 100 people) 2 groups
    - Either prepare or purchase meals and help serve lunch to port workers.
    - Prepare something simple. Stew, soup, sloppy joes, etc.
  - Operate coffee trailer Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 to 11:30 and visit with truckers
  - Power wash the parking lot to prepare for re-striping
    - BPF has a trailer-mounted power sprayer with water tank that could be used. Job for 2 or 3 people.
    - One group could combine this with Coffee Trailer.
- **Refuge for Women**
  - Tuesday evenings (5:00 to 9:00), prayer walk and project work in the home.
  - Make casseroles and freeze for residents to give them breaks from cooking (would be done remotely)
  - Help with room décor for 2 graduates and paint rooms
  - Classroom redesign and remodel at the home.
    - Should be cone Tuesday evening when the home is empty.
  - Ongoing upkeep (Lawn care, vehicle maintenance, house upkeep)
- **Food Basket**
  - Packing holiday boxes.
    - Need ~ 12 people. Ideal for youth small group
  - Collecting, transporting, inspecting canned food from the Angleton fair
    - Donation of canned food for entry to the fair.
    - Monday Oct. 13 from 6:00 to 9:00. (youth SG friendly)
    - Groups would collect and inspect food (expiration dates, damage, etc.).
    - Transport the food to the Food Basket (Clute) after 9:00.
  - Volunteer take-over
    - Small groups can come in and relieve normal volunteers
    - Open for distribution on Tuesday and Saturday mornings
    - Tasks would include, taking information from clients, shopping assistant, boxing food and helping load food into cars.
  - Various maintenance items
    - Clean out freezer and cooler, misc. painting, cleaning roofs/gutters
    - These could be done during volunteer takeover to make more opportunities for volunteers.
- **Brazosport Cares**

- Groups to do volunteer work during normal operating hours
    - Groups of 5-7 are ideal. Help stock, help shoppers, help with check-in.
        - Sweeny: Tuesdays 9:00 – 12:30 and 1:30 to 6:00, Wednesdays 9:00 to 12:30 (open) and 2:00 to 5:00 for restocking and setup.
        - Freeport: Tue/Thurs 8:30 – 12:00 set up before opening and clean up after closing,
        - Freeport: 2nd and 4th Thursdays 3:30– 6:30 to set up and clean up
        - Freeport: Monday and Wednesday mornings 9:00-11:00 to help restock and prepare for pantry opening the next day:
- Freeport – Distributing meals to seniors (Healthy Options Program)
    - Fourth week of the month. Schedule determined by Brazosport Cares.
- Maybe not for Serve Days, but the Freeport facility will be moving into a new building in early Feb. of '26 and will need help. Ideal for youth small group.

- **Brazoria County Dream Center**
    - Groups or individuals to do volunteer work during normal operating hours
        - Pantry Days – Serve neighbors in sacking groceries, carrying groceries to their car, check out (cashier)restocking shelves, Mondays 8:30 – 12:00 & 1:30 – **6:00**, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 – 12:00 & 1:30 – **4:30**
        - Fill backpacks with school supplies – Tuesday 9:00 – 11:30 & 2:00 – 4:00
        - Delivering Senior Boxes – 8:00 -11:30 on the 3rd Tuesday of the month
        - Filling Senior boxes – 1:30 – 3:00 on 10/16, 11/13, 12/11
    - Conducting Food/Toy Drives
        - October Food Drive
        - November Toy Drive
- **River of Hope**
    - Volunteers to meet with clients on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 to 12:00
    - Volunteers to call clients on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 to 12:00.
    - Volunteers to answer phones during open hours. Spanish speaker is a huge bonus. (Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 to 12:00)
    - Limited capacity for large groups

"Other"

- **Represent BPF at Community "Trunk or Treat" event.**
    - Boo Bash at Lake Jackson Civic Center
    - Saturday Oct. 25th from 3:00 to 6:00
    - At least 2 small groups + more volunteers. ~ 12 people for each shift.
    - One to setup and serve ½, one to serve ½ and tear down.

General notes:

- **Signup for Small Groups will begin September 14th.**
- We will ask every group to sign up for a project, even if it is a Flexible project that you designed. We simply need to keep track of projects and groups, both for bookkeeping and to find places for extra folks to help serve.
- Please spend time talking about people that need help that your group members are connected with. Small groups are the best way to identify these types of needs. Think of people that:
    - Are of lower socio-economic status
    - Are elderly
    - Are single/widowed
    - Disabled
    - Have seen recent negative life change (health struggle, death in family, etc.)
- As with Servolution, our focus is outside the walls of BPF. We would like to focus efforts toward non-BPF attenders.
- If you are interested in a pre-defined project, please consider taking a weekday project. Many large companies allow time off for community service. I can provide information on letterhead if supervisors need more information.
- Don't limit your service project to the day/time of your small group. Consider opportunities on other nights and on weekends.
- Also consider that several local ISDs have time off on the week of Oct. 13th. You can plan your projects to include kids during their time off.
- You can begin your project before the official kickoff on October 12th. However, please do not schedule a project on your groups meeting night during the week of October 5th for the vision campaign.
- There will be BPF budget to use for projects that require significant purchases (e.g. Block Parties, large food preparations [Texas Port Ministry lunches], some repair supplies for neighbor homes.
- Non-small group members will also be included in projects, especially the pre-defined projects. Please make them welcome if they join you and your group!!
- If your group decides to do a "Flexible" project and need extra help from other volunteers, please let me (Steve Erskine) know and we will point extra help in your direction. serskine@brazospointe.com or call the church office @ 979-266-9992