

Pathways Community Blitz

Saturday, April 16

Q. WHAT'S A COMMUNITY BLITZ?

A. A Community Blitz is a great way of living out our Pathways core value of outreach—a great way of making a difference and giving back to the larger community. It's also an effective way of connecting a new church like ours to Northeast Tarrant County. The sad truth is that many good churches blend into

crowds and do something to stand out from the

Q. HOW DOES A COMMUNITY BLITZ WORK?

A. The Community Blitz involves a “blitz” or “flurry” of service projects all happening in the larger community on the morning of Saturday, April 16. That morning, people working on a particular project will meet up at the project site, at which point they'll get busy. The project must be one that can be completed within the space of three hours max, so the project ought to be completed around noon, at which point participants are invited for lunch at Bicentennial Park in Southlake for good food, fun, and fellowship! We have the park reserved from noon till 3pm.

Q. HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

A. If you belong to an existing Pathways team or small group, and you want to get involved, then your group should go ahead and identify a project you'd like to host. Let the staff (Anthony at 817-251-5555) know what your project is, and we'll get the word out to everyone. Remember, it's got to be scheduled for the morning of April 16, and it should last no longer than three hours. (More in a moment about some service project ideas.)



Q. WHAT IF I AM INVOLVED IN SEVERAL GROUPS ALL AT THE SAME TIME?

A. Since this is true for some people at Pathways, it's highly likely that the people in a single small group might not all be working on the same project. That's OK. I think the big thing to remember is each project should be capped at 8 people. This prevents everyone from working on just one project, which actually works against the whole Community Blitz idea of making a BIG splash in the community. (If it turns out that the project you are hosting has more than 8 people, then send the extra people to me and I'll help them find an alternate project.)

Q. ARE YOU JUST ASKING PATHWAYS SMALL GROUPS TO PARTICIPATE?

A. No. I'm inviting as many people as possible to participate--Pathways groups, teams, classes, even people who are not currently connected to any group at all. The more the merrier! *If you aren't currently connected to a Pathways group, and you want to be involved in the Blitz, please contact Anthony at 817-251-5555 or email him at adavid@uuma.org*

Q. WHAT ARE SOME SERVICE PROJECT IDEAS?

- GRACE: they need volunteers at their Donation Station to sort clothes, shoes, arrange silk flowers, etc.
- Community Enrichment Center in North Richland Hills: Volunteers to stock their food pantry
- Landscaping project with Mental Health Association of Tarrant County OR Easter Seals of North Texas
- Blood drive for Carter Bloodcare in Keller
- Christ's Haven for Children needs volunteers to work at their resale shop ("Bearly Used")



Other projects, not necessarily associated with a local agency:

- Bake sale for good cause (at Half Price?)
- Soft drink give-away at busy intersection
- Free car wash
- Trash pick-up for a certain area
- Pen and post-it-notes giveaway (we have a lot to give away!)
- Flower seed packet give-away
- Dog washing
- Roof gutter clean up
- Home repair

I have a lot more information about all of these ideas—let me know which one's you'd like to follow up on.

Thanks everyone—I am excited about the Community Blitz coming up. The more people who get involved, the better it will be!

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