

Ways for Families To Serve

In the Gospel of Luke 10:27 Jesus tells us that... " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' " Here, one of the things Jesus calls us to is service to our neighbors. Below are listed various opportunities for you and your family to join together in that call to service to others that Jesus sets before us.

Crayons Needed

Cheerful Givers

Date/Time: During a quick trip to the store at any time.

Location: Send crayons to:
Cheerful Givers
1287 Berry Ridge Road
Eagan, MN 55123

Looking for something simple that your family can do to help kids? How about collecting new boxes of crayons and sending them to Cheerful Givers? The mission of Cheerful Givers is to provide toy-filled birthday gift bags to food shelves and shelters so that parents living in poverty can give their child a birthday gift. Boxes of crayons are needed to go along with a large donation of coloring books recently received.

Ages: Any age can help shop and donate

Time Commitment: Very little time commitment needed

Contact: Karen at Karen@cheerfulgivers.org with any questions or visit www.cheerfulgivers.org

2010 Walk to Cure Diabetes

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International

Date/Time: Saturday, February 27, 2010. Walk start time is 8:00am.

Location: Mall of America, Bloomington, MN

Join thousands of others in supporting juvenile diabetes research while walking around Mall of America. The walk starts at 8:00am. (Registration starts at 7:00am.) Walk for as long or short of a time as you'd like! Then stay for the post walk entertainment.

Ages: All ages can walk (or ride in a stroller!)

Time Commitment: A few hours

Contact: Kara Fischer at 952.851.0770 or kfischer@jdrf.org

www.jdrfwalktocurediabetes.org

LOVE IN[DEED]

Wooddale Church

Date/Time: Generally on the 3rd Saturday of the Month in February, April, June, August, October, and December (Visit - <http://www.wooddale.org/default/index.cfm/volunteers/love-indeed/2010-dates/>) for exact dates and times.

Location: Wooddale Gym Door 5
6630 Shady Oak Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Join Love In[Deed] in making a difference in the Twin Cities. Just show up, choose from a variety of pre-planned volunteer opportunities, and then go serve the community. Buses will be provided to transport volunteers to sites they select. Your family can select one of several pre-planned volunteer projects.

Ages: All ages are welcome.

Time Commitment: 3.5 hours

Contact: Visit www.wooddale.org/loveindeed or call 952.944.6300 for more information.

Earthquake in Haiti

American Red Cross

Sit down with your kids and text "HAITI" to 90999 to donate \$10 to the American Red Cross Haiti earthquake relief effort. Your \$10 donation will be charged to your phone bill. This is an easy and helpful way to make a contribution.