



## Grow Group Service Ideas

The ideas on this list can be used during the life of your Grow Group as we establish and continue the rhythm/habit/discipline of serving in community with each other. We started the serve experience in Rooted but we need to continue this for ongoing service projects as a rhythm of your Grow Group life together after Rooted. Starting in October through the middle of October, Rooted Groups will be doing their serve experience. Non-Rooted Groups are encouraged to do more serve experiences during this same window. Imagine the impact we the Church can have on our community!

The main thing is to be  salt and light  in our community. Get outside the walls of the church building!

This is not an exhaustive list, instead it serves to spark thoughts/conversation as you discover the best way to serve w/ your group.

**REMEMBER: THERE ARE OUTREACH MINISTRY FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THESE PROJECTS, JUST LET GROUP MINISTER KNOW THE NEED AND THE AMOUNT PRIOR TO PURCHASES.**



-Host a craft day in Taylorsville (make a craft, build a bird house, etc)

-Host fitness class

-Take SCC food truck to baseball park or soccer field one Saturday and give out something that does not compete with the concession stand items (have a prayer box/prayer station outside the giveaway area)

-Have a group volunteer to man the concession stand for community baseball or soccer leagues (find other ways by asking league organizers what would be)

-Have a group volunteer to man the concession stand for school sports. Contact Sandy Odenbach [sandyodenbach@gmail.com](mailto:sandyodenbach@gmail.com) or 502.648.3247

-Make/give away icees before a school soccer, baseball, football game (ice is cheap, blenders are abundant-just need cones and syrups)

-Host a fifth quarter after a home football game (involve FCA/other clubs for help-there is potential school prevention funds available to help with cost)

-Help with an after school program (would require background check for those serving in school) – current clubs include cooking, crafts, games, art, community service, boys, girls.

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### **-SCARLET HOPE MINISTRY**

*option a. prepare meal for the ministry to deliver*

*option b. sponsor a club gift gathering.*

Contact Amy Hall for option a or b for more details 502.550.0796

*option c. Assist with lawn care on their facilities. They have all the lawn equipment necessary, They just need the hands. Contact Peyton Swetnam (502) 232-1432 or*

[development@scarlethope.org](mailto:development@scarlethope.org)

**-HOST A MEAL** Host a meal for first responders or veterans' appreciation. It could take place here at the church building and you and your group set everything up.

**-LIFELINE CHRISTIAN MISSION-LOUISVILLE CENTER PACK** meals to provide a family with a source of stability so that moms and dads can focus on getting back on their feet after hurricanes, famines, job loss, and political unrest are some instances where families need short-term assistance. Your group will need to fund the meals you pack.

(It might be good idea to 1. teach on fasting, 2. fast as a group together 3. the money you might have spent eating out goes to fund these meals you pack).

<https://lifeline.org/louisville-centre>

**-CROSSROADS MISSIONS – LOUISVILLE** - Assist with their work in the Louisville area to help First Hour Grief Response with a construction project. Contact Rob Minton for more details--- 502.299.8986



**-STORM HAVEN YOUTH RANCH** – Help this ministry that serves families with children who are struggling, whether physically, emotionally, or behaviorally by providing a safe haven. They need help around the ranch with upkeep and maintenance. Phone: (502) 655-0845

**-BACKPACK BUDDY FOOD DISTRIBUTION PREP AT SERENITY CENTER IN SHELBYVILLE, KY** Christy Meridith 502.682.5666

**-HorseSensing** -Equine Therapy for Veterans in distress. Assist with facility maintenance projects. info@horsesensing.com or by phone at 650-776-4313

**TEAM EXPANSION** –4112 Old Routt Rd; Louisville, KY 40299 - 502.719.0007 - Various projects available. Call and see what needs they might have when you are setting up your group's project.

**PROTECTION & PERMANENCY (AKA CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES) TAYLORSVILLE** 73 E Main St, Taylorsville, KY 40071—502.477.8807 Offer to serve breakfast or lunch to the case workers of your local agency that advocates for children in need. Case workers are under appreciated and stand in the gap for so many families. Being seen and thanked by a church is such an encouragement to them and provides an open door to invite them church!



**IDEAS** To spark creativity... these are a few ideas that groups have done and are doing that may spark some creative juices for your group.

1. Partnered with Spencer County AMVETS (supplied desserts for/served meal at their fundraising meal and assisted placing flags on graves of veterans on Memorial day weekend
2. Collected supplies for homeless care packets within the group, assembled care packets with group, and passed out packets to congregation for distribution.
3. Spearheaded collection for Back to School Blessings for kids in need in Spencer County. (Think Angel Tree in August w/o toys=)
4. Construction/installation of food pantry boxes around Spencer County.