# **Neighborhood Service Project Ideas**



 Adopt an elderly neighbor and do a landscaping clean up project

- Clean up a local park
- Create a

community garden. Donate the produce to a local food bank.

- Collect Goodwill or food bank items and donate them.
- Register and volunteer as a group for a Habitat for Humanity project or a local Special Olympics event.

- Organize a group to make and deliver meals to a shut in or disabled person in your community.
- Organize a neighborhood garage sale and donate proceeds to a local charity.
- Organize a neighborhood blood drive.
- Organize a summer reading program for kids.
- Organize a card-making day (Christmas and birthday cards) for elderly and shut ins.
- Make "care kits" with shampoo, tooth brushes, socks, etc.. To donate to homeless shelters.
- Adopt a local highway or road and organize a day to pick up trash.

### **Neighborhood Social Gathering Ideas**

- Host a neighborhood block party, ice cream social, picnic, potluck, etc...
- Organize a summer outdoor movie night.
- Organize an outdoor games night
- Coordinate a neighborhood scavenger hunt or human bingo (getting to know facts) gathering.
- Host a neighborhood wine tasting night.
- Host a Hawaiian night luau.
- Organize a Saturday morning brunch.

- Host a cards night.
- Host a bon fire night with s'mores & hot dogs
- Invite the neighborhood to a dessert night.
- Coordinate a neighborhood chili cook-off.



### **Tips for Success**

- Demonstrate an interest in your neighbors. Get to know them. Learn their stories. Know their names.
- Create a flyer for your event and distribute it door to door so that you personally interact with everyone.
- Form a team to plan and co-host the event.
- Be open to other ideas if you have enlisted the help of a team.
- Select activities that will help neighbors meet and greet one another.
- Define each planning team member's specific tasks.
- Be aware of county or city regulations regarding block parties, bon fires, or public gatherings.
- Gather contact information from attendees.
- Have fun meeting your neighbors.
- Follow up with the planning team.
  Figure out what did or did not work.
- Thank everyone who helped.



### **Neighboring Formula:**

"Put people in an environment where they have unhurried time, proximity, and an activity (which includes food) and you will see conversations emerge. Do this every once in a while over time, and you will see friendships emerge. Do this with neighbors, and you will see a neighborhood emerge."



Greg Finke Joining Jesus on His Mission: How to Be an Everyday Missionary

#### "The word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood."

John 1:14 - The Message



Accept the Summer Missional Living Family Challenge, and then see how God uses your family bless your neighbors.

# We want to hear about your experience!

Join us during the fall of 2018 (Date TBD) for a time of sharing your stories and God-sightings from this summer's neighborhood missional living family challenge.

### You can be a blessing to your neighbors!

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### Summer Missional Living Family Challenge



### Join Jesus on His redemptive mission by:

Being a friendly neighbor Talking to people Seeking out what Jesus is already doing in the lives of your neighbors

Planning a fun event with and for your neighbors