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**Project: Bridge Refugee Services** – prepare welcome packages for immigrants being served by Bridge Refugee Service. Tel: (865) 540-1311

**Location:** Church Street United Methodist Church Items brought to the church. Volunteers will pick up the items and then transport them to Bridge Refugees Services Knoxville, 4420 Whittle Springs Road, Suite A, or storage unit for supplies.

**Project description:** Volunteers will purchase items from the Welcome Packages New Arrival Needs list located online with Bridge Refugee Services [www.bridgerefugees.org](http://www.bridgerefugees.org) click on Donate, In Kind, then scroll down to New Arrival Needs. If you would like to **send them directly to Bridge Refugee Services**, click on the () Monica Harris - Bridge Refugee Services' Gift Registry Address. For those who want to **bring their items to your church office** to be picked up by your Great Day of Service Planning Team members **or** you can **bring them to the Kickoff event on April 6.** The needs list seems to change daily/weekly.

Some "light lifting required" and some vehicles are needed to transport the items.

**Project Leaders**: Michael Major 865-705-1087 [michaelmajor982@gmail.com](mailto:michaelmajor982@gmail.com)

**Length of Time**: 2 hours

**Number of Volunteers**: 9-10

**Ages**: Adults with vheicles

**Skills:** financial ability, compassion for refugees,

**Needs being Met:** Refugees who are unserved, unloved, unchurched.

**Materials Needed**: contents for the welcome packages (checking with Bridge Refugee regarding in-kind donations, please email Peter Green [pgreen@bridgerefugees.org](mailto:pgreen@bridgerefugees.org) in Knoxville) Bridge New Arrival Setup: items listed below according to their website all available on Amazon.

New Arrival Needs (Amazon prices) Example of items needed:

EverBrite 30-Pack Mini **Flashlight Set**, Aluminum LED Handheld Torches with Lanyard, Assorted

Colors, Batteries Included for Party Favors, Night Reading, Camping, Power Outage, Gift to

Christmas- $39.99

Honey-Can-Do Oversize **Collapsible Clothes Drying Rack DRY**-09066 Silver, 50 lbs - $32.99

Dawn Ultra Dishwashing **Liquid Dish Soap** (4x19.4 Fl oz) + Non-Scratch Sponge (2 Count), Original Scent - $17.44

Corelle Vitrelle 6-Piece Soup/**Cereal Bowl Set**, Triple Layer Glass and Chip Resistant, 18 Oz

Lightweight Round Bowls, Winter Frost White – $18.70

SY COMPACT **Travel Umbrella** Windproof Automatic Umbrellas- Factory Outlet umbrella - $11.99

Amazon Basics **Disinfecting Wipes**, Lemon & Fresh Scent, Sanitizes, Cleans, Disinfects & Deodorizes, 255 Count (3 Packs of 85) - $12.03

Glad 13 Gallon Trash Can | Plastic Kitchen Waste Bin with Odor

Protection of Lid | Hands Free with Step-On Foot Pedal and

**Garbage Bag** Rings, Black – (Glad 13 Gallon Trash Can, 2 Pack |

Plastic Kitchen Waste Bin with Odor Protection of Lid | Hands Free

with Step-On Foot Pedal and Garbage Bag Rings, Black, 2 Count -

$42.82)

Farberware 3-Piece Kitchen **Cutting Board Set**, Reversible Chopping

Boards for Meal Prep and Serving, Charcuterie Board Set, Wood

Cutting Boards, Assorted Sizes, Bamboo - $14.77

PRAKI Extra Large Tall **Airtight Food Storage Containers** 6.5L / 220oz,

BPA Free, 4pcs Pantry Kitchen Organization Set for Flour, Sugar,

Plastic Flour Container with 20 Labels & Maker - $29.99

BELADOR All-Season **Comforter Duvet Insert Full Size** Bed Comforter

- Down Alternative Comforters, Mid-Plush Lightweight Comforter,

Box Quilted Siliconized Fiberfill Oeko-Tex Hotel Comforter -$29.99

Goplus Jumbo **Folding Shopping Cart** with Rolling Swivel Wheels,

Foldable Grocery Cart on Wheels with Double Basket, Heavy Duty

Utility Cart, Shopping Carts for Groceries Laundry Book Luggage -

$59.99

TravelSimple Designs LF2000-BSN Mother-Daughter **Floor Lamp** with

Reading Light, Brushed Nickel - $34.99

Eureka Powerful Bagless Upright Carpet and Floor Airspeed Ultra-

Lightweight **Vacuum Cleaner**, w/Replacement Filter, Green – $62.99

Windex **Glass Cleaner** Spray, Original Blue Window Cleaner Works on Smudges and Fingerprints,

Bottle Made from 100% Recovered Coastal Plastic, 23 Fl Oz, Pack of 6 –

**Clorox Disinfecting Wipes** Value Pack, Household Essentials, 75 Count (Pack of 3)(Package May

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**Dogwood Elementary**

Project: Help Spruce up the exterior area around the main entrance and donate needed individually wrapped snacks to give to the children during the school days.

Location: Meet at the Gym at Church Street United Methodist Church for the morning check-in on April 6 and then drive to Dogwood Elementary school in South Knoxville, 705 Tipton Ave.

Project Description: We will be preparing a small planter area at the main entrance to the school with gardening soil and flowers. Bring snacks to the school and give them to the project leader.

Project Leaders: Mary Torres (leave message at church - 865-524-3048)

Materials Needed: All materials required for this project will be provided by the Project Leader. Bring gardening gloves and any small gardening tools you may have.

Estimated Cost of project: All cost associated with this project will be incurred by CSUMC.

Length of Time to complete the project: 2-3 Hours -9:00-12:00

Number of Volunteers needed: 3 Volunteers

Appropriate Ages for the project: Adults

Skills needed by volunteers who choose this project: No special skills are needed for this project, just a willingness to jump in.

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**The following information gives a few more details of your project:**

**Project:** **Every Bed Every Day – KARM**

**Location**: Trentham Hall at First Baptist Church Knoxville - 1025 Locust Street, Knoxville use the ramp to enter. At 10:15 we will go to KARM at 418 N. Broadway, Knoxville, TN, 37917. Designated parking for staff and volunteers is under the bridge, in the black fenced-in area. Once you arrive, you’ll see the sign for parking.

**Project Description**: Make and design E-BED cards to be placed on each of the 300 beds at KARM. We want every person who spends the night at KARM to be prayed for—every bed, every day. We don’t know who will spend the night in these beds, but God does. Because we believe so strongly in the power of prayer, we want to invite you to help make the 300 E-BED cards and place one on each pillow as you pray over the beds in our overnight dorms.

**Project Leader**: **Susan Browder**, Cell: 901-494-6429; [susan@bob-susan.com](mailto:susan@bob-susan.com)

**Materials:** postcard size 4 X 6 card stock (various colors), pre-cut some Bible Verses on stickers along with colorful stickers, markers, pens, pencils, crayons, etc. for the participants to write and design the Bed Cards.

**Ages**; 5 and up (parents encouraged to come with their children)

**Number of Volunteers**: 10-30

**Skills:** Creative, prayer warrior,

**Community needs the project will address**: praying for those who are unserved, unloved, and unchurched

**Length of Time:** 9:00 – 10:15 – create/decorate prayer cards in Trentham Hall at FBC Knoxville

10-15 – 10:30 – drive to KARM 418 N. Broadway in the overnight dorms

10:30 - 11:30 – Lay cards on each bed and pray for the person who will sleep there

tonight.

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**The following information gives a few more details of your project**:

**Project Name**: **Fire Station Visits**

**Community needs the project will address**: Showing gratitude for the service of our first responders as Firefighters.

**Location with address**: Various Fire Departments in the West View Community and possibly others.

**Project Description (how volunteers will serve):** Make and bring cupcakes, cakes, cookies, snacks to be given out to the Firefighters at the Fire Stations in West View Community

**Project Leader’s name and contact information**: Victoria McNeal – 402-415-9669

**Materials Needed:** Cupcakes, Cookies, cakes, small prayer cards with Bible Verses and say a prayer for the first responders.

**Estimated Cost of project:** Various cost depending on what you decide to make to bring.

**Length of Time to complete the project**: 2-3 hours beginning at 9:00-12:00

**Number of Volunteers needed**: 10-15

**Appropriate Ages for the project**: Children-Adults

**Skills needed by volunteers who choose this project**: Cooking sweets and writing notes of appreciation for our Firefighters.

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**The following information gives a few more details of your project**:

**Project Name:** **Feeding the Homeless**

**Community needs the project will address:** Hunger and Thirsty

**Location with address**: Broadway under the interstate near corner of Cooper Street/Fifth Ave./Broadway. You can park under the bridge (security guard will let you in when you tell them what you are doing) or along the street (you may want to leave on flashers.)

**Project Description (how volunteers will serve):** Make and bring carry-out trays of food to give to our homeless neighbors in Knoxville. Also, you can give them water, gospel tracks, devotional books, old Sunday School materials or other reading materials. They may ask you to pray with them. When giving out the food ask God’s blessings on the food in their presence.

**Project Leader’s name and contact information**: Leanna Groves – 865-404-6043 and Crystal O’Neal -

**Materials Needed**: Healthy meal served in carry-out, napkins, fork/spoon, dessert and water, gospel tracks, “Daily Word” books, outdated Sunday School Materials, other reading materials.

**Estimated Cost of project**: Various costs depending on the type of food to decide to make and bring.

**Length of Time to complete the project**: 1-2 hours Meet between 3:00 – 4:00 pm to give out the food.

**Number of Volunteers needed**: 5-10.

**Appropriate Ages for the project**: Adults

**Skills needed by volunteers who choose this project**: love of cooking and feeding the homeless

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**Food Buckets, Cleaning and Hygiene Kits**

Project: Assembly of Food Buckets for Zimbabwe, Disaster Response Cleaning and Hygiene Kits

Location: Meet in the Gym at Church Street United Methodist Church, same location as the morning Check on April 6.

Project Description: we will have three separate assembly lines, 1) filling buckets with nonperishable food to be sent to Zimbabwe Missions, 2) filling buckets with cleaning supplies to be sent to damaged area throughout the US immediately following storms, 3) Assembling small personal Hygiene Kits to be distributed in US Disaster Areas.

Project Leaders: Amanda Ford (leave message at church - 865-524-3048)

Materials Needed: All materials required for these projects will be in the gym and set up to begin assembly.

Estimated Cost of project: All cost associated with these projects will be incurred by CSUMC.

Length of Time to complete the project: 2 – 3 Hours – 9:00 -12:00

Number of Volunteers needed: 15 – 20 Volunteers will be moved from one project to another depending on where the most manpower is needed.

Appropriate Ages for the project: Adults & High Schoolers

Skills needed by volunteers who choose this project: No special skills are needed for these projects.

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**Help Garden at BattleField Farm**

**Project:** Help garden, weed, water, and provide general help with the Farm

**Worksite:** 3624 Boyd's Bridge Pike Knoxville, TN 37914

This service project is located in East Knoxville, just a couple of miles from downtown.

**Time:** 9:00am – 12:00pm

**Number of volunteers needed:** 10-15

**Needs being met:** Work with this Urban Farm to provide fresh produce and to fight food insecurity in East Knoxville; learn about food deserts and injustice

**Volunteer ages:** 4+ ages. This project can accommodate children, youth, and adults.

**Skills:** A willingness to get dirty, sweat, and enjoy working with the earth and other people

**Supplies needed:** gardening gloves, water bottle

**Project Leader:** Meredith Loftis, First Presbyterian Church, 770-605-0117, [meredith@fpcknox.org](mailto:meredith@fpcknox.org)

**Site Contact:** Chris Battle, Founder of BattleField Farm, [Chris@battlefieldfarm.org](mailto:Chris@battlefieldfarm.org)

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**The following information gives a few more details of your project:**

**Pack Care Packages for Downtown Workers**

**Project:** Pack care packages for downtown frontline and support workers such as hotel staff, fire fighters, KUB workers, and others

**Worksite:** First Presbyterian Church, 620 State Street, Knoxville, TN 38902

**Time:** 9:00am – 12:00pm

**Number of volunteers needed:** 10-50

**Needs being met:** Showing love and care for our downtown neighbors that work hard to keep our city running smoothly.

**Volunteer ages:** This project can accommodate children, youth, and adults.

**Skills:** No skills needed!

**Supplies needed:** Please consider bringing individually wrapped snacks to donate for the care packages.

**Project Leader:** Sarah Dugger, 865-368-6792, [smdugger@mac.com](mailto:smdugger@mac.com)

**Site Contact:** Meredith Loftis, First Presbyterian Church, 770-605-0117, [meredith@fpcknox.org](mailto:meredith@fpcknox.org)

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**Paint at Family Promise Day Center**

**Project:** Help provide a fresh coat of paint to the Family Center Day Center basement and other maintenance projects

**Worksite:** Family Promise Day Center, 3545 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, TN 37921

**Time:** 9:00am – 12:00pm

**Number of volunteers needed:** 10-15

**Needs being met:** Help provide an updated and suitable Day Center for Family Promise clients and staff

**Volunteer ages:** 10+ ages

**Skills:** Experience painting is welcome but not required.

**Supplies needed:** work clothing for painting

**Project Leader:** Meredith Loftis, First Presbyterian Church, 770-605-0117, [meredith@fpcknox.org](mailto:meredith@fpcknox.org)

**Site Contact:** Virginia Larry, Director of Family Support Services, 865-584-2822

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**The following information gives a few more details of your project:**

**Project: Nursing Home Sing-Alongs Make a Joyful Noise**

**Project Description:** Join the choral group to sing songs of joy and cheer the hearts of residents of Knoxville skilled nursing facilities. Volunteers join together to sing at area nursing homes, visit with the residents and ask them to sing-along with them. Volunteers will be asked to provide baked goods for the nursing staff to show appreciation and you can also donate large print books and magazines.

**Project leaders:** Steve Foster, [spfpcf@gmail.com](mailto:spfpcf@gmail.com), (865) 803-5438

**Locations:**

Local Nursing Homes to be announced later

**Materials Needed**: Old fashioned hymnbooks, baked goods (ask volunteers to bring them to give to the staff as an appreciation for their work), large print books & magazines (request that FBC members donate these items) to leave behind for use at the skilled nursing facilities.

**Ages:** Children – 99

**Number of Volunteers**: 60-80

**Skills**: Love of singing & compassion for senior adults

**Needs Being Met**: Unserved, unloved, unchurched

**Length of time**: Depending on the number of nursing homes and the length of time at each one.

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**The following information gives a few more details of your project:**

**Project Name**: **Operation Backyard**

**Location**: TBD … assigned by Operation Backyard (Knox County)

**Project description**: improve accessibility via handicap ramp and/or porch reconstruct.

**Project Leaders**: FBC Leader: Tammy Strader ([tkstrader@hotmail.com](mailto:tkstrader@hotmail.com)) 865-740-9500

Jerimiah at Operation Backyard will assign an on-site project leader.

**Materials Needed**: all materials and tools provided by Operation Backyard

Cost: $150 partnership fund for Operation Backyard assists with project cost provided

by the Mission Council at FBC

**Length of Time**: 9:00 am to noon - 3.0 hours

**Number of Volunteers**: 8 to 12 … project assigned will be based on the number of volunteers.

**Ages of the Volunteers**: 16 and older

**Skills**: limited … instruction and coaching provided by the project leader, prefer knowing how to read a tape measure and at least some knowledge of using hammer and/or screw guns

**Needs being met:** improving individual accessibility for handicapped people

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**Project:** **Prayer Walking/Driving**

Walk the sidewalks in Knoxville praying for a variety of places in Knoxville or Drive the streets of Knoxville and pray at different stops.

**Location:** Meet on the front steps of First Baptist Church Knoxville at 510 W. Main Street (or park in the West Main Street Garage 909 Locust Street behind the Bank of America Financial Center FREE on Saturdays) to pick up your prayer guide/map so you can begin the prayer walking in the downtown streets.

**Project Description**: Pick up a prayer guide with list of things to pray for and directions to walk the sidewalks in downtown Knoxville stopping along the way to pray for specific needs. Prayer driving also can be emailed to you earlier if you don’t want to stop by the church.

**Project Leader:** Ed Dexter 865-386-0789 or [dexathiker@knology.net](mailto:dexathiker@knology.net) and Emagene Reagan 423-721-1568 or [emagenereagan@gmail.com](mailto:emagenereagan@gmail.com)

**Materials**: Prayer guide - Praying for our churches, County Government workers, downtown residents and businesses, University of TN students and faculty, KARM (Knoxville Area Rescue Ministries), Salvation Army, Love Kitchen, Volunteer Ministries, YMCA/YWCA, Hospital workers, Knoxville Convention Center, Schools, Boys and Girls Clubs, Firefighters, Police officers, Rescue Squad, Theaters, Coliseum, Parks, Low-income housing, etc. are some of the examples.

**Ages:** 7-up

**Number of Volunteers**: 20-40

**Skills**: Prayer warriors, walkers/drivers,

**Needs Being Met**: unserved, unloved, and unchurched.

**Length of Time**: WALKING: Prayer Guide/Map will be available from 9:00-11:00 AM (Driving could be anytime). We can email you the prayer guides or you can pick them up at your church on Easter Sunday.

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**Project Name:** **Seven Islands State Birding Park**

**Community needs the project will address**: Keeping the environment clean and our State Park useful for our citizens to enjoy nature.

**Location with address:** Seven Islands State Birding Park 2809 Kelly Lane, Kodak, TN 37764

**Project Description:** volunteers are needed to help with miscellaneous projects, liter pick up, invasive species removal, garden maintenance/weeding, trail maintenance, or special events. We would be glad to have your group volunteer at the park on April 6. We go do a litter pickup or invasive plant species removal. There's usually not a lot of trash around the park, but there’s little things that add up. There’s always trash that float down the river and gets on shore at the park. The invasive plant species that we aim to remove usually include privet, honeysuckle, autumn olive, multiflora rose, Virginia creeper, and winter creeper.

**Project Leader’s name and contact information**: Barbara Eubank, 865-607-1205; [beubank1917@gmail.com](mailto:beubank1917@gmail.com)

**Materials Needed**: Large Garbage bags, garden gloves, grabbers for picking up trash, comfortable clothes for working outdoors. You may want to bring water and snack with you

**Estimated Cost of project**: Possibly purchase some large garbage bags & work gloves. (provided by Mission Council at First Baptist Church.)

**Length of Time to complete the project**: 9:00 meet after the gathering and we can carpool to the park – ending around -1:00 pm

**Number of Volunteers needed:** as many as possible

**Appropriate Ages for the project**: 10 years old and up

**Skills needed by volunteers who choose this project:** gardeners who can identify invasive species.

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**Snack Bags & Laundry Detergent**

Project: For Elementary aged Children to assemble small snack bags for the Soup Kitchen and small containers of Laundry Detergent.

Location: Meet in the Gym at Church Street United Methodist Church, After kickoff proceed to the Youth Department.

Project Description: We will have two separate assembly lines, 1) mixing and filling small containers of laundry detergent for Wesley House families, 2) Assembling small take-away snack bags to be handed out at the Soup Kitchen.

Project Leaders: TBD/Amanda Ford (leave message at church - 865-524-3048)

Materials Needed: All materials required for these projects will be in the Youth Department at CSUMC and set up to begin assembly.

Estimated Cost of project: All cost associated with these projects will be incurred by CSUMC.

Length of Time to complete the project: 2 – 3 Hours – 9:00-12:00

Number of Volunteers needed: 10 Child Volunteers. There will be at least two child care trained adults along with several teenagers to monitor and assist the kids.

Appropriate Ages for the project: 6 -10

Skills needed by volunteers who choose this project: No special skills are needed for these projects.

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**The following information gives a few more details of your project:**

**Project:** **South Knoxville Elementary School**

**Location**: 801 Sevier Ave

**Project description**: We will be weeding, scrubbing furniture, cleaning up some other areas.

**Project Leaders**: Dianne Forry 865-474-0084 [mdforry@gmail.com](mailto:mdforry@gmail.com)

**Materials Needed**: gardening pruners, gloves; SKE garden club has knee pads and gardening tools except for pruners. Each person may want to bring some drinking water to stay hydrated.

**Length of Time:** 9:00-12:00 am

**Number of Volunteers**: 10-15

**Ages**: children – adults

**Skills:** likes to work in the yard, cleaning, willingness to be flexible for the task.

**Community needs the project will address:** Making the school and schoolyard safe and inviting for students and community members. Showing Christian love to our school neighbors.

**Cost:** Possible plants or mulch (paid for by the Mission Council at First Baptist Church)

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**The following information gives a few more details of your project:**

**Susannah’s House Clean up**

Project: Small move in chores for this new home built as an Outpatient Recovery Program for mothers in recovery.

Location: 923 Dameron Avenue

Project Description: This new home for Mothers in Recovery has just been completed and will need several small projects to make ready for move in. Projects may include some cleaning, painting, picking up around the exterior and other last-minute chores.

Project Leaders: Jeff Goff (leave message at church – 865-524-3048)

Materials Needed: Volunteers should dress appropriately and bring gloves and possible eye protection. All other materials required for this project will provided by the Project Leader or Susannah’s House.

Estimated Cost of project: All cost associated with these projects will be incurred by CSUMC or Savannah House.

Length of Time to complete the project: 2 – 3 Hours – 9:00-12:00

Number of Volunteers needed: 5 Volunteers

Appropriate Ages for the project: Adults & High Schooler

Skills needed by volunteers who choose this project: No special skills are needed for these projects.

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**The following information gives a few more details of your project:**

**Singles On Service: Spruce Up Vestal Community**

Spruce Up Vestal will be one of the first service projects by community-minded single adults called Singles On Service (SOS). Here are details of your April 6 project.

**Project:** **Spruce Up Vestal Community**

**Location**: Park at South Knoxville Community Center, 522 Maryville Pike, Knoxville 37920

**Project Description**: Your team of single adults will remove trash and debris from Mary Vestal Park, Mary Vestal Greenway, Goose Creek and other public areas of Vestal community.

**Project Leader**: Dianna Mercier, 865-414-9051 [dmercier1@ft.newyorklife.com](mailto:dmercier1@ft.newyorklife.com)

**Length of Time:** 9:00-1:00

**Number of Volunteers**: 10 or more

**Ages**: Single adults 18 and older

**Materials Needed**: Wear sturdy gloves, clothing and shoes you don’t mind getting dirty. Each volunteer should bring a water bottle to carry and refill while working. Let your project leader know if you can bring a wheelbarrow for moving heavy objects. Your project leader will provide large plastic bags, disposable gloves and water for refilling your water bottle.

**Skills:** Desire to serve others; moderate or better fitness level; ability to bend, reach, lift and carry objects; flexibility regarding precise tasks and work locations; willingness to get dirty.

**Community needs the project will address:** Show Christian love to Vestal community residents. Improve the appearance and safety of their historic community. Increase pride and joy for people who live and work in Vestal. Unite single adults with a desire to serve others.

**Cost:** Trash bags, disposable gloves and other supplies will be provided by Singles On Service