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# 101WAYS

## TO SPARK ACTION IN YOUR COMMUNITY

**Want to do something positive to strengthen your community? Think you can organize a team to help bring it to life in 90 days or less?**

If you said “yes” to both, simply gather your team, submit an application to Thrivent and—once your idea is approved—you’ll receive up to \$250 in “seed money” to help cover promotional, production and material expenses.

**Need inspiration?** Below you’ll find 101 ways to offer a valuable service, raise funds or teach others an essential skill.

## Service Projects

### Youth and Family

1. Check smoke detectors for the elderly.
2. Build a wheelchair ramp.
3. Hold a teddy bear drive for hospitalized children.
4. Make tie-together fleece blankets for the homeless.
5. Help make a house wheelchair-accessible.
6. Clean up after a disaster.
7. Hold a clothing drive.
8. Deliver/serve meals.
9. Hold a neighborhood food/toy/supply drive.
10. Coordinate a care package drive for soldiers.
11. Build wheelchair-accessible picnic tables for parks.
12. Donate, assemble and distribute new parent kits.
13. Create pillow case dresses for the needy.
14. Clean up a community river/park/freeway.
15. Collect books or media for a library.
16. Hold a birthday toy drive or gift drive.
17. Crochet blankets out of recycled plastic bags for the homeless.
18. Collect toiletry and make-up items for a women’s shelter.
19. Collect old cell phones for a women’s shelter.

20. Host a blood drive.
21. Repair homes for those in need.
22. Repair cars for those in need.
23. Hold a youth fire safety demonstration.
24. Start a gardening program to benefit a food pantry.
25. Establish a nursing home/school pen pal project.
26. Host a gently used shoe drive.
27. Organize an immunization day.
28. Build beds for the less fortunate.
29. Coordinate a furniture collection drive.
30. Coordinate an electronic recycling drive.

### Seasonal

31. Winter coat drive.
32. Trick or treat for canned goods.
33. Holiday toy/food drive.
34. Boxed emergency meals drive for the homebound.
35. Tax preparation event.
36. Back-to-school supply drive.
37. Leaf-raking program for the homebound.
38. Snow-removal program for the homebound.
39. Team up to place flags at veterans’ graves.
40. Spring/summer landscaping for the elderly.
41. Benefit for someone with high medical bills.

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## ACTION TEAMS

## Fundraisers

### Youth and Family

- 42. Chili/barbeque cook-off.
- 43. Community rummage/garage sale for charity.
- 44. Create/sell recipe books.
- 45. Local restaurant tasting/competition.
- 46. Car/dog wash.
- 47. 5k fun run.
- 48. Walk/ride for a cause (e.g., cancer).
- 49. Community fair/carnival.
- 50. Sadie Hawkins or other dance.
- 51. Art show or auction.
- 52. Fashion show.
- 53. Dancing with the local stars.
- 54. Book fair.
- 55. White elephant silent auction.
- 56. Murder mystery dinner.
- 57. Iron Chef-style cook-off.
- 58. Aluminum can recycling drive.
- 59. Local talent show.
- 60. Penny wars.
- 61. Charity head shave.
- 62. Calendar art competition/sale.
- 63. Golf or miniature golf open.
- 64. Run a "Bowlathon."
- 65. Team sport tournament (softball, basketball, etc.)

### Seasonal

- 66. Valentine's Day flower/candy sale.
- 67. St. Patrick's Day dinner.
- 68. Lenten fish fry.
- 69. Easter egg hunt.

- 70. Mother's/Father's Day brunch or high tea.
- 71. Fourth of July picnic/barbecue.
- 72. Halloween haunted house.
- 73. Sleigh rides or hay rides.
- 74. Holiday craft sale/bazaar.
- 75. Holiday turkey or ham drive.
- 76. Photos with Santa.
- 77. Holiday bake sale.
- 78. Wreath/candle/decoration sale.
- 79. Christmas concert.
- 80. Wrap Christmas gifts for donations.
- 81. Poinsettia sale.

## Educational Activities

- 82. Basic budgeting workshop.
- 83. College planning 101 workshop.
- 84. Identify theft workshop and shredding event.
- 85. Internet safety workshop: Protect yourself online.
- 86. Taxes and You event.
- 87. Organization 101: Gain efficiency, save time and money.
- 88. Create a LinkedIn Profile workshop.
- 89. Good "cents" health fair.
- 90. Home-buying workshop.
- 91. Exercise and its positive long-term effects on your wallet.
- 92. Suicide awareness event.
- 93. Extreme couponing event.
- 94. Parenting 101: Practical purchases for baby.
- 95. Basic car maintenance: Avoid costly repairs.
- 96. Do-it-yourself basic home repair.
- 97. Bicycle safety rodeo.
- 98. Self-defense workshop.
- 99. Cultural event: How diversity strengthens your community.
- 100. Cooking on a budget.
- 101. Eating in vs. dining out: At what cost?



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