



## SERVE THE COMMUNITY

### Serve Experience

Welcome to the Rooted Serve Experience.

Facilitators—WATCH this video: [Serve Experience Facilitator Video \(https://vimeo.com/156492625\)](https://vimeo.com/156492625)

**The BEST resource for ideas is your own group!** Ask—there is a great chance people in your group already have a bent towards a ministry or a service project. If you need more help, there is a list below to help “spark” your group’s imagination.

Remember you want to do a project in the community—AND the goal is to serve together! We want this to be highly relational.

#### TIPS:

1. **Take pictures!** Upload them on the rooted website (<https://rooted.ourfamily.church> )
2. Communicate with your group before, during and AFTER (debrief). The debrief can happen in your next group meeting—but remember the importance of hearing the stories of the experience.
3. Pages 59-61 in your facilitator guide have great tips on leading the experience if you have not led one before.
4. Life change--Serving is not something we do to check off a box, but rather a lifestyle to adopt. Our goal and prayer is that all people going through Rooted have a life-changing serve experience – one that makes them want to keep serving, making it an integral part of their lives.
5. The biblical definition of poverty is lack of shalom (peace). Everyone you meet, no matter the opportunity, is suffering from a lack of peace within themselves, with others or with God.
6. FLEXIBILITY IS KEY! Serving can get messy and unexpected things will happen. Please be flexible and remember we are there to serve, ready and willing to do whatever is asked of us that day. It’s all part of the adventure!

## General Serve Ideas

- Neighbors who need yard work help
- Foster care/at risk youth
- Pregnancy centers
- Rehab homes/Nursing homes
- Teachers/Schools
- First Responders
- Clean a park or common area in your community
- Seasonal project (like Operation Christmas Child or School Supply Drive)
- Disaster relief supply drive

## Specific Serve Ideas

**WEST ORANGE DREAM CENTER** <https://wodreamcenter.com/get-involved/>

There are NUMEROUS ways to serve at the Dream center!!!

- Neighborhood outreach Wednesdays at 9:00am
- In the Coffee Shop M-F
- Join an existing program, such as ESOL, by assisting the teacher in helping people learning English
- Jobs Partnership, by assisting in the program as a coach
- Children's Tutoring, as a reading buddy.
- Host a food drive for the food pantry
- Donate cleaning supplies for us to distribute to those in need.
- Childcare workers and mentors for MOPS and MomsNext.

Questions? Reach out to Rainey (rmcfadden@ourfamily.church) or Carol (cvereb@ourfamily.church)

**ONE MORE CHILD:** <https://onemorechild.org/volunteer-opportunities/>

**SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK:**

[https://www.feedhopenow.org/site/SPageServer/?pagename=ways\\_involved\\_volunteer](https://www.feedhopenow.org/site/SPageServer/?pagename=ways_involved_volunteer)

**GIVE KIDS THE WORLD:** <https://www.gktw.org/volunteer/>

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER:** <https://www.christianservicecenter.org/wantohelpmain>

**BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES:** <https://bethany.org/locations/us/florida/central-florida>

**SALVATION ARMY:** <https://salvationarmyflorida.org/orlando/#volunteer>

**MATTHEW'S HOPE:** <https://www.matthewshopeministries.org/volunteer>

## Ongoing opportunities

**FAMILY CHURCH** <https://ourfamily.church/programs/serve/>

When your group sees serving others has value, remember there are multiple ways to serve at church on Sunday and throughout the week.