

SOV Community Outreach		
Small Group Service Ideas		
9 Sept'12 JJ		
<u>Organizations</u>	<u>Description of Service Opportunities</u>	<u>Contact Info</u>
Ongoing SOV Outreach Opportunities:		
Loaves and Fishes	Shepherd of the Valley serves the evening meal at St. Mathews Catholic Church in West St. Paul on the first Wednesday of the Month (except March and Sept) . Arrive at 3:30 pm to help prepare meal and at 4:45 pm to help serve.	Deb Harvey (debharvey51@yahoo.com)
Bethlehem Lutheran in the Midway	Volunteers gather on the third Monday of each month to prepare and serve the noon meal at an inner city church in St. Paul. They also help with the distribution of necessities to the surrounding community.	Kim Ashton (kashton@shepherd-lutheran.org)
Senior Outreach Ministry	Shepherd of the Valley volunteers provide a monthly worship experience for the residents of Boutwell's Landing in Stillwater.	Dick Reed (dickreed123@gmail.com)
Guardian Angels Homeless Shelter	SOV has committed to staff a local homeless shelter during the week of November 5-11th . We need people to tutor kids, prepare meals, and staff the shelter during the night.	Pastor Zach, tel: 651-436-8248 (zthompson@shepherd-lutheran.org)
Habitat for Humanity	SOV volunteers for three Habitat work weeks every year. There are also people who volunteer weekly on Habitat projects around the St. Croix Valley.	Dan Randall, (djrandall13@yahoo.com)
Prayer Shawl Ministry	This group knits prayer shawls to be given to children being baptized, couple getting married, and anyone who is in need of prayer and healing.	Julie Asp
First Covenant Church of St. Paul	Teams are needed to come prepare and serve meals on any Wednesday nights for First Covenant's "Feeding My Flock" outreach ministry for kids and adults in the Payne-Phalen neighborhood of St. Paul.	Sharla Scullen, 651.774.0344 (office), 651.328.7180 (cell)
New Exciting Partnerships to Explore:		
Community Thread	Coordinates volunteering for over 50 different non-profits in Washington County. Large variety of individual and group volunteer opportunities. Searchable database on-line. (See separate detailed sheet for more info)	Elena Ballam: 651-439-7434; website: www.communitythreadmn.org
Valley Outreach	a) Collect food donations in your neighborhood (drop off empty bags and pick up a week later). Note, call Kris Huntley before collecting to see if there are any special food items they need (or don't need). b) Sort, stock donations and serve clients at the food and clothing centers. c) Provide child care while parents shop at the centers.	Kris Huntley, tel: 651-430-2739 x208 website: www.valleyoutreachmn.org
The Source	Answering phones and helping walk-ins to connect with local resources to meet a wide variety of needs. Volunteers work in pairs from 10 am - 1pm daily. Some training required.	Dave Kell, tel: 715-441-6208
Canvas Health	Dedicated to bringing hope, healing and recovery to children, adolescents, adults and families who struggle with mental health, chemical health, and domestic and sexual abuse. Variety of volunteer opportunities for individuals, groups, different ages. Cottage Grove, Oakdale, Stillwater, West St. Paul	Melonie Allyn-Schwerin mallyn-schwerin@canvasshealth.org Tel. 651-777-5222
Other Service Ideas to Consider:		
Servant of the Shepherd Church in Hudson	Collect food shelf items for distribution to those in need in Hudson area	Pastor Frank: Tel. 715-425-6910 (office) 715-222-8922 (cell) email: flukasiewicz@aol.com
Union Gospel Mission	Helping economically disadvantaged men, women and children through a variety of ways, such as meal preparation and serving, assisting with recreational and special events, and providing facility maintenance.	Visit the Union Gospel Mission's volunteer webpage for opportunities and to sign up: (ugmtc.org/volunteers)
Local Education	Contact your local school superintendent's office or PTA for ways to support teachers and schools	Stillwater Schools: http://web.stillwater.k12.mn.us/ Hudson Schools: http://www.hudson.k12.wi.us/ Woodbury/Cottage Grove Schools: http://www.sowashco.k12.mn.us/
	Help staff school Fair events: a) DaVinci Fest (Science Fair and Art judges) - Feb 2, 2013 b) Afton-Lakeland Science Fair (judges) - Nov'12 Book Fair, Fun Fair	Derek Olson: Tel. 651-351-7186 email: olsonderek@stillwater.k12.mn.us
	Volunteer to help with: Reading Programs, Library/Computer Lab, Classroom support, Book Fairs, Staff appreciation	Derek Olson: Tel. 651-351-7186 email: olsonderek@stillwater.k12.mn.us
	"Fare For All" Emergency Food Distribution at Afton-Lakeland School on Tuesday Evenings .	email: shavey@emergencyfoodshelf.org Tel. 763-450-3880
	Help coach robotics clubs in local elementary schools	Derek Olson: Tel. 651-351-7186 email: olsonderek@stillwater.k12.mn.us
Local Public Service Organizations	Call your local fire, police departments and ask if they have any needs. Bring them a basket of home baked goods to say 'thank you'. Note, most St. Croix Valley fire & rescue organizations are staffed with volunteers.	