Life Group & Rooted Serve Opportunities – Fall 2017 Session

*Because opportunities fill up quickly, please contact ministry leaders in advance!

STEP 1: Determine what serve experience your group would like to participate in.
STEP 2: Contact the direct ministry leader listed on the handout as early as possible.
STEP 3: SERVE
   a. Connect with the ministry leader onsite
   b. Hold a group orientation
   * ROOTED GROUPS (April 23 – June 23)
      Text to Check-in: Have everyone in your Rooted group text “rootedserve” to 949-267-3131
STEP 4: Debrief with your group (pg.65 of facilitator guide).

Military Ministry: Marine BBQ & Chapel Service (Camp Pendleton)
Date & Time: every Sunday @ 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Address: Camp Pendleton
Help serve hungry Marines and enjoy a fun BBQ at Area 62 in Camp Pendleton near San Clemente. Meet and get to know our Marines and Sailors while helping with set-up, meal service, and cleanup. Please bring a favorite side dish to share. You are also welcome to stay for the 6:00 military chapel service immediately following the BBQ. Full instructions with directions will be emailed to you after registration. Registration closes on Friday the week before the BBQ. In order to gain base access, Camp Pendleton needs time to process background checks based off your registration information.
Sign-Up Contact: Jen Griggs, jgriggs@marinerschurch.org, 949-769-8459

Lighthouse Community Center: Tutoring
Date & Time: Mon-Thurs, 3:30-5pm or 5:30-7pm
Address: Multiple locations in Santa Ana
Help students in elementary, junior high, or high school with their homework and reading.
Sign-Up Contact: Keith Hill, khill@marinerschurch.org, 949-769-8327
Lighthouse Community Center: Fall Festival
Date & Time: Saturday, 9/21
Address: Soccer field on the corner of Standard & McFadden
Join us for this annual community event. Volunteer opportunities include cooking/serving food, face painting, crafts, and games. Parking available at Kennedy Elementary School.
Sign-Up Contact: Keith Hill, khill@marinerschurch.org, 949-769-8327

Lighthouse Community Center: Kids Bible Club
Date & Time: Tuesdays, 6-8pm
Address: Kennedy Elementary School (1300 E McFadden Ave, Santa Ana, CA 92705)
Join us for Art days with elementary students. There will be painting, food, and activities on the field. No experience needed. Please carpool and park at the field on Standard & McFadden. We ask that you bring food or kindly consider donating art supplies.
Sign-Up Contact: Keith Hill, khill@marinerschurch.org, 949-769-8327

Lighthouse Community Center: Art Day
Date & Time: Saturday, 9/28, 10/21, 11/18, 9am-12pm
Address: Kennedy Elementary School (1300 E McFadden Ave, Santa Ana, CA 92705)
Join us for Art days with elementary students. There will be painting, food, and activities on the field. No experience needed. Please carpool and park at the field on Standard & McFadden. We ask that you bring food or kindly consider donating art supplies.
Sign-Up Contact: Keith Hill, khill@marinerschurch.org, 949-769-8327

Lighthouse Community Center: Sports Day
Date & Time: Saturday, 9/30, 10/14, 10/28, 11/11, 9am-12pm
Address: 1010 S. Minnie St. Apt 3, Santa Ana, CA 92701
Join us for sports days. Sports and coaches vary, no experience needed. Please carpool and park at the field on Standard & McFadden. Please kindly consider bringing food.
Sign-Up Contact: Keith Hill, khill@marinerschurch.org, 949-769-8327

LOTS - Life on the Streets: Breakfast @ The Crossing (L.O.T.S.)
Date & Time: every Saturday mornings, 7:30-11:30 am
Address: The Crossing Church 2115 Newport Blvd, Costa Mesa, CA 92627(rear parking lot by the parking structure)
Our purpose is to create intentional relationships with our friends that are experiencing homelessness and through these relationships help build dignity and provide a path to end their homelessness. We start about 7:30am and provide services that include breakfast, showers, laundry, clothing, haircuts, fellowship, and our newest program to help get people ready to get back in the workforce. We would love to have you spend the entire day with us, but our structure is flexible. For more info and ways to get involved with Trellis’ Homeless Ministries, please visit their website HERE (http://www.wearetrellis.com/initiatives/homelessness/)
Sign-Up Contact: Shawn Davidson or Terry Moore, info@LOTSministry.com 714-436-LOTS
Fristers: Dinner and Dessert for Teen Parents
Date & Time: Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday evenings, 5:30pm – 8:00pm
Tuesday, 10/10 at St. Peter Lutheran Church – 1510 N. Parton Street, Santa Ana, CA
Wednesday, 11/1 and 11/29 at Mariners Church – 5001 Newport Coast Drive, Irvine, CA (Port Mariners Building)
Wednesday, 11/1 and 11/29 at The Crossing Church – 2115 Newport Blvd, Costa Mesa, CA (TC Kids Building)
Thursday, 10/19 and 11/16 at Anaheim Frist Christian Church – 520 W. South Street, Anaheim, CA
Join us as we embrace, encourage, and empower the youngest and most vulnerable families in our community. Assist by providing and serving dinner for teen parents and their children. Following dinner, volunteers will join in Kidsters, a preschool for children of teen parents. The first 20 minutes of this serve opportunity will include a brief orientation of the work of Fristers, including how this nonprofit was started by one individual who came to know Jesus at Mariners Church! Visit fristers.org to learn more about this organization.
Sign-Up Contact: Gaby Grimes, gaby@fristers.org, 949-387-7889

Resource Center
Date & Time: every Tuesday-Saturday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Address: Resource Center, Irvine Campus
Work alongside the Resource Center volunteers as we sort through incoming donations, work the thrift store, and provide coffee and treats to our visitors. This event is very flexible to your needs. You can discuss shifting the times and duties to best fit your group with Jonah.
Sign-Up Contact: rc@marinerschurch.org, 949-769-8131

Joy Carriers: Elderly Ministry
Date & Time: Wednesdays, 6:15 PM – 8:00 PM
Address: Atria Golden Creek 33 Creek Road Irvine, CA 92604
If you have a heart for seniors, like to have fun, and bring joy to others, then Joy Carriers is a great opportunity for you. Joy Carriers is a weekly outreach to the elderly in our community. Our purpose is to engage with the seniors residing in a local assisted and senior living home by bringing a bit of cheer and joy into their lives. We play games and visit with the seniors. Anyone willing to spend time with these delightful friends can participate. Children are welcome too!
Sign-Up Contact: Mary Sipe, marelizs@cox.net

International Students Serve Opportunities
Date & Time: flexible
Address: flexible
We have an opportunity to serve international students in a ministry of presence and love. We are asking individuals, families, Life Groups, etc. to partner with us in the simplest, most meaningful way - with your time! Millions of people come to the US with only 1% of them ever getting involved in church. Part of this group are international students in our own backyard. Roughly 70% of international students never visit an American home. We are also looking for people in our community to host international students during the holidays. Do not let these students spend their Thanksgivings, Christmases, and Easters alone! Serving is as easy as playing sports on a weekend, hosting a Life Group game night, or going on a Costco run. It's about an invitation into your daily life. And
the best part is, we can work with YOUR schedule! Since we are asking people to invite international students into your daily lives, please consider inviting them into your homes! We will also host activities on Mariners Church campus. More details and directions will be sent as events come up.

Sign-Up Contact: Sero, sero@marinerschurch.org, 949-769-8152

Orange County Rescue Mission: Intro Volunteer Opportunities
Date & Time: Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month 9:00 am-12 noon
Address: Village of Hope (1 Hope Drive, Tustin CA 92782)
Volunteers will get a chance to learn more about Orange County Rescue Mission and help with various volunteer needs of that day. Orange County Rescue Mission provides outreach, shelter, housing and support services for homeless men, women and children.

Sign-Up Contact: volunteers@rescuemission.org, 714-247-4368

Orange County Rescue Mission: Serving Meals to the Homeless
Date & Time: The greatest need is Sundays 2:00-6:00 pm and dinner service 5:00-7:00 pm on weekdays.
Address: Village of Hope (VOH) Dining Room and Kitchen One Hope Drive, Tustin CA 92782
Volunteers will assist our wonderful kitchen staff with preparing and serving a meal for the evening. Some duties may include sorting food, preparing food, and cleaning the dining room. Volunteers will also serve the meal directly to our residents here at the VOH. Orange County Rescue Mission provides outreach, shelter, housing and support services for homeless men, women and children.

Sign-Up Contact: volunteers@rescuemission.org, 714-247-4368

Orange County Rescue Mission: Volunteering with Homeless Children
Date & Time: The greatest need is Friday and Saturday evenings 6:15-9:00 pm.
Address: Village of Hope Parent and Child Enrichment Center One Hope Drive, Tustin CA 92782
Volunteers will lead the children living at the Village of Hope in activities while the parents are attending important Bible studies and workshops as part of their journey to self-sufficiency. Activities may include caring for our babies, and playing games and spending time with our toddlers and school-age children. We also welcome church groups to help us provide structure to these times by assisting with lesson-planning, worship time, or a craft activity. Minimum age is 13-years-old with adult supervision. Orange County Rescue Mission provides outreach, shelter, housing and support services for homeless men, women and children.

Sign-Up Contact: volunteers@rescuemission.org, 714-247-4368

Orange County Rescue Mission: Host and Sponsor a Birthday Party for our Adult Residents
Date & Time: Dates to be scheduled with the Volunteer Coordinator. Hours are 4:30 - 6:30 pm.
Address: Village of Hope (VOH) Dining Room and Kitchen One Hope Drive, Tustin CA 92782
Our wonderful and meaningful birthday parties are a volunteer-sponsored event. Volunteers will provide the cake, ice cream, light décor, and $15 Starbucks gift cards for the adults with a birthday in that month. There is an average of 7-15 birthdays to celebrate each month. Volunteers prepare for the party at 4:30 pm in the dining room and stay through the end of dinner at 6:30 pm. It is a wonderful opportunity to share the love of Christ and the joy of celebrating life with those in need. Our residents are beyond blessed as they experience genuine love and compassion during these celebrations. They feel valued and supported by the volunteers who so generously
host these amazing parties! All ages welcome, including children with adult supervision. The group is asked to commit to planning & preparation including purchasing supplies for the party, and 2 hours at VOH. Orange County Rescue Mission provides outreach, shelter, housing and support services for homeless men, women and children.

Sign-Up Contact: volunteers@rescuemission.org, 714-247-4368

The Knot (foster orientation and background check required to attend)
Date & Time: Every 2nd Sunday of the Month- upcoming dates: Oct 8th and Nov 12th
Address: Meet in the student center at 2:15pm, event runs from 3-6pm.

Join us at our monthly youth group, The Knot! The Knot is a monthly youth group designed to bring community to kids in the foster care system. Sports, crafts, fun, games and food are all part of a consistent afternoon. The Knot is an environment for foster youth to meet positive, patient and caring adults while being reminded that life is better tied together.

Sign-Up Contact: Tammy McMullen, tmmcmullen@marinerschurch.org
Foster Orientation: September 23rd or October 21st at 5pm. Register here: http://fostercare.marinerschurch.org/education/ (each person must register individually)

Orangewood
Date & Time: Every 3rd Saturday of the Month from 2-5p and every 1st Tuesday of the month from 6-8:30p-
upcoming dates: Oct 3rd, Oct 21st, Nov 7th
Address: Orangewood Children’s Home- 401 The City Drive South, Orange CA

Lend a hand with crafts, games, and sports, or just hang out with kids who have been removed from their homes due to neglect or abuse. This is an opportunity to connect with kids of all ages in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Must be 18+ to volunteer. If you are registering a rooted or life group, please register each individual person.

Sign-Up Contact: Tammy McMullen, tmmcmullen@marinerschurch.org
Foster Orientation: September 23rd or October 21st at 5pm. Register here: http://fostercare.marinerschurch.org/education/ (each person must register individually)

Sheepfold Garden Days
Date & Time: Every 3rd Saturday of the month 9a-12p- upcoming dates: Oct 21st
Address: Will be emailed after you register for the safety of the residents

Sheepfold provides shelter, safe refuge and a new beginning for women and children. Join us as we cultivate an area of land for a garden and work alongside the residents!

Sign-Up Contact: Patricia, patriciaforrest3@yahoo.com
Please contact the following for additional serve opportunities.

**Lighthouse Community Centers**: Mariners Church’s four volunteer-based Community Centers are located in inner-city neighborhoods historically known for poverty, dense populations and staggering high school drop-out rates. Exist to catalyze engagement by equipping community leaders and volunteers to help break cycles of poverty in the communities we serve.

Contact: Keith Hill, khill@marinerschurch.org, 949-769-8327

**Mika**: Mika exists to build whole relationships in Costa Mesa through leadership development and community building. Mika's core activities focus on building whole relationships with God, self, others, and the rest of creation. Opportunities to serve include kids, youth, and adults. We look forward to connecting you in relationship with our community!

Contact: volunteer@mikacdc.org 949-645-0075

**New Alternatives**: New Alternatives work to assist and empower former foster and probation youth as they transition into adulthood by providing safe and affordable housing and comprehensive, individualized support services.

Contact: Mike at mlanda100@gmail.com

**OC Rescue Mission**: Ministry providing outreach, shelter, housing and support services for homeless men, women and children.

Contact: Marley Penalosa, marley.penalosa@rescuemission.org, 714-247-4368

**Second Harvest Food Bank Orange County**: Second Harvest Food Bank reaches out to the community for donations, grants, fundraising, food drives, food rescue, harvesting, and volunteers to help provide food, education and advocacy for the hungry. We are committed to finding innovative, sustainable ways to end hunger in Orange County. Your group of 5-40 can help us in our warehouse, sorting, labeling and packaging food on Tuesday through Thursday, 8:30-11:30 or 12-3, or Fridays 8:30-11.

Contact: Nicole Woodworth NWoodworth@FeedOC.org, Volunteer Office 949.653.2900 x 136

**Teen Leadership Foundation**: Foster teens are some of the most vulnerable members of our society. Left to fend for themselves at age 18, foster teens emancipate out of the government system with little to no advantage. Work day at The Launch Pad

Contact: tina@teenleadershipfoundation.org

**Habitat for Humanity of Orange County**: Habitat for Humanity seeks to put love and faith into action by bringing people together to build homes, community, and hope. There are multiple ways to jump in and get involved, such as participating directly in a home build, providing hospitality for volunteers and workers, or assisting at one of Habitat for Humanity’s ReStore centers!

Contact: volunteer@habitatoc.org, 714-434-6200 x234
FAQs

Q: When’s the latest I can contact the ministry leader about a serve opportunity?
   A: You are encouraged to contact the ministry leaders of the ministry you are interested in serving with as soon as possible in order to allow enough time for communication and confirmation. Please allow at least 2-3 days if possible for our ministry leaders to respond and follow up with you.

Q: What can I do if the serve opportunity that I’m interested is full?
   A: Ask the ministry leader if there are any other opportunities within the ministry that your group can participate in. And if not, please find another opportunity on this list.

Q: Can I serve in a ministry that’s not on this list?
   A: Yes! As long as the ministry that you are planning to do Rooted Serve with meets the Mariners Church’s vision for Rooted Serve: to see and love the marginalized individuals in our community.

Q: Can I show up to a serve event without prior contact and confirmation?
   A: Please avoid showing up to a serve opportunity without prior communication with the ministry leader, as we do respect and don’t want to overwhelm our ministry leaders that graciously agree to host groups.

Q: What should I do if we have to cancel a serve opportunity?
   A: Contact the ministry leader as soon as possible, via email and a courteous phone call as you thank them for the opportunity.

Q: Do I need to do anything after we complete our serve opportunity?
   A: We value and strongly encourage your group to have an orientation as well as a debrief. This will allow time for your group to discuss and process their experience and to share how your group members saw God’s compassionate hands. Furthermore as the facilitator, you will receive an email asking you to fill out a survey to let the Mariners Outreach team know where you served as well as to give us feedback about what worked well and what needs improvement.

Q: I have more questions, who do I contact?
   Contact Nicole Tait, Campaigns & Serve Director, at ntait@marinerschurch.org

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