

79 WAYS TO SERVE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP

We asked... you answered! Over 1,400 hundred Watermark Members told us ways they were serving with their Community Groups. Watermark's External Focus team compiled & edited 79 of them so you can "steal" them or be inspired to think through fun ways to serve with your group.

RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE:

Serving together can look like coming alongside one another, right where you are planted, to serve the community in unique and meaningful ways

1. As a group, we provided a Backyard Bible Study with games and snacks for children in Vickery Meadow
2. We hosted a canned food drive in our neighborhood and then took all the donations to Beautiful Feet
3. We planted trees at a nearby park
4. Went to a member's Grandpa's home to sing/give out cookies
5. We served at a nursing home, caring for the residents with Alzheimer's and Dementia
6. The women hosted a women's neighborhood Bible study
7. Our Community Group put on a garage sale to raise money for a Watermark Family to be able to adopt
8. We are actively serving and pursuing relationships with the refugee population near our home. My community group helps to serve with our refugee friends several times during the year
9. Our group collaborated to donate school supplies this year
10. We got on the DART Rail and spent an evening praying with people, watching God make connections, and inviting people to Watermark
11. Our Community Group set up a field day on multiple occasions for youth in South Dallas
12. Our Community Group helped a couple in Oak Cliff do some home renovations
13. Our Community Group as well as our children served the Burmese population in Lake Highlands by holding a reading camp over the summer.
14. My work puts on different service projects, and my group participated in these with us
15. Started a Bible study with a couple of new believers (from Muslim and Catholic backgrounds), and we are ministering to them and their families together
16. We go on neighborhood prayer walks together
17. Sold breakfast items in the neighborhood to fundraise for our kids' school
18. Our community served at a single parents back-to-school event
19. Served at a thrift store together
20. Our community group has hosted several get togethers to invite co-workers and non-believers into our homes and community
21. We took a family ministry trip together to South Texas
22. Our Community Group has come alongside a single mother to support her and her two children in various ways
23. We are on mission in our neighborhood together- praying for the families together and inviting families over for dinner, organizing neighborhood kickball games, etc.
24. We have gotten to know families in an apartment complex nearby with many international families
25. [Hands & Feet service projects](#), block parties, food drives, school supply drive, popsicle stand to raise money for local school
26. Have served and sold breakfast items in our neighborhood to raise money for various needs in our community
27. We came alongside a local charter school and installed sprinklers, painted, cleaned the area, built bookshelves, assembled desks. We did this throughout the summer

ALONGSIDE ORGANIZATIONS:

There are plenty of opportunities to serve with one another at non-profit organizations in our city (and beyond!). These non-profits include some of Watermark's ministry partners... which can be found at watermark.org/externalfocus

1. Several of us and our children served at Dallas CASA one Saturday donating and assembling care packages
2. We served at Bonton Farms together
3. Served at Brother Bill's with our group
4. Some of the girls in my community serve with Fort Worth KLIFE through TCU
5. Helped pack boxes for Feed My Starving Children
6. We packed lunches for Brother Bill's with our kids and whole community group and delivered them. It was during a basketball camp, so our kids got to play with the kids at camp
7. My husband and I serve with Apartment Life at our apartment complex, and our community group has come several times to serve the residents and love on our neighbors
8. Members of our community group served at the North Texas Food Bank
9. Our CG had a day in the park with kids from a foster care institution.

10. Our group serves monthly at Union Gospel Mission. We serve food, help set up, & clean the cafeteria.
11. Our community group went to the local pregnancy care center and helped move boxes around the office, change out clothes for different seasons, as well as some re-organizing projects.
12. Our community group volunteered with Exodus by playing with children while their moms were able to attend class to help get them back on their feet.
13. Serve with Our Calling and did "Search & Rescue" together to serve the homeless and marginalized in East Dallas.
14. Served breakfast at Genesis women's shelter
15. Our Community Group served at ACT volunteering with the kids at a Bible study
16. We furnished an apartment for a single mother through Exodus Ministries
17. The women of our group serve weekly at Center of Hope.
18. Each member of our Community Group mentors a child in West Dallas, which we team up and do together.
19. Fundraising for International Justice Mission
20. We served with the group SALT (Single Adults Living Truth) to pull people out of isolation and encouraged individuals to church and community groups
21. Members of our Community Group did 2ndSaturday together with some of the kids

WITHIN WATERMARK: *Many groups have used serving together in internal ministries as an opportunity to grow together while helping Watermark's impact!*

1. Several of us serve in the Prodigal ministry together
2. Set stage design with two other guys in the group
3. We serve at re:generation together
4. Four from our group served together as table leaders at Equipped Disciple
5. The community girls served at Women's Bible Study and The Nest together
6. Served the Plano campus in the Children's ministry together
7. Took a discipleship trip to Haiti together
8. Several in our community serve on the Funeral Team at Watermark
9. We co-lead a student small group
10. We brought the Grief Share ministry a meal
11. Our group does the first Sunday Frontlines
12. We co-lead a summit group
13. We have served in Community Formation together, helping set up the rooms and as group facilitators
14. Most of our group serves at Merge together
15. The girls have served at Apples of Gold together
16. Some of us serve at Watermark Urgent Care together
17. Our community group served the single parents ministry together
18. In my service with the Chuckwagon ministry, we prepared meals for a number of community events, including for a back-to-school event sponsored by Watermark in northeast Dallas
19. Our kids raised money to provide toys for the clinic

SEASONAL OPPORTUNITIES: *There is usually serving momentum around holidays and other yearly events. These are good to take advantage of, even as we aim to serve year-round. See if there are any timely opportunities that you could take part in with your group!*

1. Easter baskets, back to school supplies and uniforms for a Christ-based homeless shelter
2. Invited all neighbors to church for Easter and had a neighborhood pancake breakfast
3. One of our Members owns a boarding house, and as a group we provided home-cooked Thanksgiving and Christmas meals and Christmas gifts
4. We purchased Bibles and Christmas gifts for teenage single moms in the Dallas area through a Young Life program.
5. Serving at Watermark's Christmas Eve service
6. Making Thanksgiving baskets for families in West Dallas, working through Brother Bill's Helping Hand.
7. Distributed treats to neighbors with an invite to Watermark
8. We held a toy drive in the neighborhood at Christmas and donated all toys to Pamper Lake Highlands and The New Room Lake Highlands
9. Our community group provided meals and celebrated Christmas with CCA (Cornerstone Crossroads Academy)
10. We manned a table for Christmas Give & Go Boxes (it was fun!)
11. Hosted a Halloween chili night to serve our neighbors
12. Sang Christmas carols and passed out cards and candy canes at a nursing home