



Serving Opportunities

As part of our SEPTEMBER SERVE and FOR Lakewood Park initiatives, we invite you to find one or more ways to respond to God’s call to put our faith into action, to show love and mercy, and to partake in His mission in our community and world. This list is growing, so check in frequently. There’s something here for all ages and stages in life. While this will certainly bless others and glorify God, it will also bless and enliven your soul.

“Create Conversations”

In addition to you serving, be on the lookout for people who are serving our community well, maybe that friendly barista at Starbucks. Thank them! Consider asking them if you can post a picture of them serving on social media. Give them a free FOR Lakewood Park bumper sticker or gift them one of our shirts! Let them know you care and that they matter! If you post on social media, be sure to use the hashtag **#forlakewoodpark** so people can follow our journey.

On Facebook, consider updating your profile picture to include our FOR Lakewood Park frame. You can access it here:

www.facebook.com/profilepicframes/?selected_overlay_id=986486538806918

“Pay it Backward”

Go through a drive-through and pay for the person’s meal or coffee behind you. As you drive away, the person will have seen the FOR sticker on your car and then they’ll be told that you paid for their food or drink. This is no small thing. They will begin to tell people that day that someone with a FOR sticker paid for their meal. It’s a way to create conversations in the community.

Mentoring / Tutoring at Lakewood Park Elementary

Volunteers provide a safe and welcoming learning environment with one-on-one appointment-based homework assistance to K-5 students during after school hours. This serving opportunity is projected to start in late September.

What to do now: register to become a volunteer using the following link; this process takes several weeks to clear through their system.

<https://www.stlucie.k12.fl.us/our-district/volunteers/>

of Volunteers Needed: 5

GameDay Volunteer at Lakewood Park Elementary

Contact Person: Heather Kilbreth

Location: LWP Elementary (Media Center), 7800 Indrio Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34951

of Volunteers Needed: 5

When: mid-September until early May 2022.

Time: Thursdays, 3:30-4:30PM

What is it? GameDay is a one hour, one day a week, after school program. Volunteers will interact with kids during free time (20-30 minutes), help hand out drinks and snacks, and talk with kids during the lesson (about 20-30 minutes). This serving opportunity is projected to start in mid-September.

What to do now: GameDay volunteers must register to become a school volunteer using the following link; this process takes several weeks to clear through their system.

<https://www.stlucie.k12.fl.us/our-district/volunteers/>

Treasure Coast Food Bank

Contact Person: Pastor Steve

Location: 401 Angle Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34947

<https://stophunger.org/volunteer/>

of Volunteers Needed: 10

When: September 25th

Time: 9AM to 11AM

What to expect: Volunteers will inspect and sort canned and dry food items and assemble emergency food boxes for families, veterans, seniors, school pantries and pet pantries. Great volunteer experience for individuals, groups and families. Closed toe shoes a must.

Located in Ft Pierce, Treasure Coast Food Bank is the largest hunger-relief organization and the only Food Bank in the four-county region of Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, and Okeechobee counties. The Food Bank provides 400 very active pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, senior housing, and low-income day-care centers with large quantities of food from name brand manufactures and USDA commodities on a daily basis.

Mustard Seed Ministries

<https://www.mustardseedslc.org>

Contact Person: Darlene Puglisi

Location: 3130 S US Highway 1, Fort Pierce, FL 34948

of Volunteers Wanted: 5 - 10

When: Saturday, September 11th

Time: 9AM-12PM

Volunteers come join me at Mustard Seed to help bag food, sort and hang clothes, help out in back room organizing and assist those in need.

Mustard Seed Ministries is an outreach organization working cooperatively to provide assistance for individuals and families struggling to make ends meet in St. Lucie County. Mustard Seed addresses the financial, educational, physical and emotional needs of the community, through the power of cooperation and faith.

United Against Poverty (UP) Saint Lucie County

<https://upslc.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

772-468-8543

UP hosts a variety of volunteer opportunities. Click the link to sign up as an individual based upon your own availability or pick a group of friends and serve together! They need assistance bagging groceries for clients, sitting at welcome desks, and working in their warehouses and stock rooms. Ages 12 and up can volunteer (see guidelines on their site).

Zumba Group Appreciation Day

Contact Person: Jessica Carleo

Location: Family Life Center, 5405 Turnpike Feeder Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34951

of Volunteers Wanted: 2 – 3

When: Wednesday, September 8

Time: 7 – 8:30PM

Volunteers will meet and greet Zumba clients and provide them healthy refreshments after their class.

TOPS Group Appreciation Days

Contact Person: Sue Baker

Location: Family Life Center, 5405 Turnpike Feeder Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34951

of Volunteers Wanted: 2 – 3, each day.

When: Tuesday, September 13 and Thursday, September 16.

Time: 9 to 10AM

Volunteers will meet and greet TOPS members and provide them healthy refreshments after their class.

Free Oil Changes

Contact Person: Bernie Kilbreth

Location: 5405 Turnpike Feeder Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34951

Web: www.lakewoodparkumc.org/oil

Phone: 772.216.7614

Dates: September 25th and October 2nd

Times: 1PM to 4PM (both days)

We will be offering a free oil change to anyone in the community that pre-registers on the given dates. Volunteers can help purchase oil and filters, dispose of the oil at recycling facility, and assist with the oil changes if they know how. Please contact Bernie with your interest.

Grace Way Village – Hope’s Closet for Children

<https://www.gracewayvillage.com/>

772.925.3074

1780 Hartman Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34947

More details coming soon.

Hands of Saint Lucie County

<https://handsofslc.org>

772.462.5646

The Hands clinic of Saint Lucie County needs people to assist at their upcoming October 5K run for breast cancer awareness.

Hands of St. Lucie County provides primary healthcare services to qualified, low-income, uninsured adult residents of St. Lucie County.

United Way Saint Lucie County

<https://unitedwayslc.org>

772.464.5300

Date: October 16th

Day of Caring. More information to be announced

Sarah's Kitchen of the Treasure Coast

<https://sarahskitchen.org>

772.834.2818

The purpose of Sarah's Kitchen is to welcome and provide hot nutritious meals to those in our community who are hungry and struggling financially.

Volunteers are the heart of Sarah's Kitchen. Want to become involved? We are always looking for people who are willing to volunteer one day a month.

There are opportunities to serve Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at one of our 5 Soup Kitchens or with our Homeless Feeding Team. Go to the “**volunteer form**” section of the website to sign up. Invite some friends to do the same so that you can serve as a team at one or more of their opportunities.

Adopt-a-Road – Coming Soon!

We are in the process of getting approved for the Adopt-a-Road program here in Lakewood Park. This means that we will have our own segment of a road in Lakewood Park to clean six times a year (or more, if we choose). The county will provide all tools necessary and will pick up any trash we collect on location. There will be a sign on our road that shows Lakewood Park UMC has adopted the road!