

ENGAGE 1000 - Service Opportunities

ENGAGE: Park Central

Apartment Ministry



Ministry Point Person

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Park Central Apartment Ministries exist to ENGAGE the community by building trust-relationships through the children, youth, and adult programs in the apartment community.

- **Teachers:**
Teach lessons from children's curriculum once a week, Tuesday, 4:30 - 6:00 PM, or Wednesday, 4:00 - 5:30 PM.
- **Tutors :**
High School Math, Science, English. Two hours a week.
- **Teaching Assistants:**
Help the teachers of the apartment ministry with crafts and classroom management.
- **Community Activity Coordinators:**
Plan and coordinate a calendar of activities that benefits the quality of life of the community at the apartment complex (i.e. Movie nights, grounds clean-up campaign, 4th of July Barbeque, community breakfast, etc.) 
- **Youth Workers/Mentors:**
Help to connect the teenagers of the apartment ministry with The Heights Student Ministry.
- **CDL Bus Drivers :**
Help with providing bus transportation (pick-up, drop-off) to people from the community on a rotating schedule.
- **Food Pantry Coordinators:**
Help with food packaging and distribution once a month at The Heights facilities. 

Bukhair Elementary

Ministry Point Person(s)

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Bukhair Elementary is our RISD partner school in the Park Central area. Our hope is to serve this school and ENGAGE with Bukhair families pointing them toward the Lighthouse.

- **Mentors:**
Partner with Kid's Hope USA to mentor at-risk kids as identified by the administration at Bukhair Elementary.
- **Kid's Hope Prayer Intercessors:**
Every mentor with Kid's Hope USA will have a prayer intercessor that will specifically pray for the mentoring relationship and the well being of the child. 
- **Office Help:**
Provide some much needed help for the overworked staff at Bukhair Elementary. Bukhair does not draw the same number of volunteers that other elementary schools in Richardson rely upon.
- **PTA:**
Initiate, train and model a functioning PTA at Bukhair.

Network of Community Ministries

Ministry Point Person

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Network provides health and emergency services to children, low-income families, and senior citizens in need within RISD, including the Park Central area.

- **Food Room:**
Volunteer to organize, sort, and stock donated food for the clients of Network.
- **Food Pick-up:**
Volunteer to pick up donated food from area grocery stores and take to the Network.
- **Client Contact:**
Work specifically with the clients of Network, and assess what type of assistance they need.

ENGAGE: Cornerstone

Homeless meals

Ministry Point Person

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Cornerstone currently feeds 200 homeless men and women three times a week.

- **Tuesdays, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm:**
Help with preparing and serving a hot meal for homeless men and women.
- **Thursdays, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm:**
Help with preparing and serving a hot meal for homeless men and women.
- **Sundays, 6:00 am – 8:00 am:**
Help with preparing and serving a hot meal for homeless men and women.

Park Manor


Ministry Point Person

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This apartment complex is under the management of the Dallas Housing Authority and provides low-income housing for senior citizens. Cornerstone provides lunch on Saturdays and a worship service on Sundays.

- **Volunteers to provide lunch on either the 1st, 3rd, or 5th Saturdays:**
Help with preparing and serving a hot meal for the residents of Park Manor. 
- **Music groups that would lead in worship on the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays:**
There is always an ongoing need for worship assistance in these services.
- **Individuals who are willing to assist in cleaning a needy resident's apartment:**
Many of the residents are handicapped and do not have the ability to clean the apartments themselves.

Computer Literacy / Job Training

Ministry Point Person

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Cornerstone's Computer Lab has internet connected computers to train and assist residents in becoming computer literate. Classes are made available daily and on Saturdays.

- **Computer Classes:**
Teach an introductory computer class (Intro to Computer, Word, Excel, and PowerPoint)
- **Job Training:**
Teach classes on job searching, interviewing and dressing for success. In addition, assist residents in doing web searches for jobs and résumé preparation.

Cornerstone Clothing Closet

Ministry Point Person

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*"He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward him for what he has done." – Proverbs 19:17
By meeting "felt needs" the church often has an opportunity to share with residents their "real need" – A relationship with Jesus Christ.*

- **Clothing Closet:**
Constant maintenance is needed for this ministry, which provides clothing to needy people throughout the Cornerstone community. There is an ongoing need to collect gently used clothing for all ages and for all seasons.



Prison Transition Ministry

Ministry Point Person

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Cornerstone works in partnership with Trinity Restoration Ministries and provides transitional housing for up to four men being paroled back to the Dallas area. All of those who are eligible for this residential ministry must have had contact with the ministry for six months prior to their release, and be actively involved the ministry's outreach Bible studies which are held in various prisons within the State of Texas.

- **Class Leader:**
Lead various classes (i.e. Bible Study, Substance Abuse, Financial, Parental, etc.)
- **Mentor:**
Be a mentor to encourage and pray with an ex-offender.
- **Job Training:**
Assist in helping men locate jobs for ex-offenders.

South Dallas and Fair Park Nursing Homes

Ministry Point Person

TBA*

**This ministry will launch as soon as a point person is designated. If you would like to head up this ministry opportunity, please contact Will Crum at willecrum@gmail.com or 972-948-8699 as soon as possible.*

Cornerstone works in partnership with the residents at these two nursing home facilities, whose residents have outlived most of their friends and in some cases family members. The ministry is designed to touch the lives of the disabled and handicapped residents in these locations, many of whom do not have regular visitors.

- Befriend a senior citizen:
Adopt a resident and pray regularly, visit, and encourage them.



Cornerstone Crossroads Academy

Ministry Point Person

TBA*

**This ministry will launch as soon as a point person is designated. If you would like to head up this ministry opportunity, please contact Will Crum at willecrum@gmail.com or 972-948-8699 as soon as possible.*

Cornerstone provides a school for at-risk high school students to encourage them to finish school and earn their diploma. The school day is Monday – Friday from 9 AM to 1:30 PM.

- Tutor:
Tutor struggling students in the areas of math and reading.
- Physical Education Classes:
Assist on Wed/Fri during with Physical Education time that is held at the local YMCA from 12:00 - 1:30 PM.

ENGAGE: Internationals living in our Area

International Students, INC.

Ministry Point Person

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International Students, INC. exists to share Christ's love with international students at the University of Texas at Dallas and to equip them for effective service in cooperation with the local church and others.

- Friday Night Gatherings:
Every Friday night, ISI holds a fellowship for the students at UTD. There is an ongoing need to assist with these Friday night gatherings.



- Friendship Partner:
Befriend an international student at UTD. Allow this student to be “at home” with you and your family while they are so far away from their own family. This is a great way for the student to learn some American customs while a relationship is being built.



- ISI Prayer Intercessor:
Every friendship partner will have a prayer intercessor that will specifically pray for friendship relationship and the well being of the college student.



Refugee Resources, INC.

Ministry Point Person (TBA) Contact Richard Covington @ rcovington@theheights.org

Refugee Resources is an outreach to refugee families who have lived here in the United States for approximately 3-5 years. These relationships have been developed during their resettlement period and have continued over the years. Most of these families are of the Somali Bantu tribe. The mission of Refugee Resources, INC. is to continue the acculturation process through the befriending of refugee families with these programs in mind: (1) Cultural Education; (2) Education; (3) Empowerment.

- Friendship Partner:
Befriend an International Refugee family, teaching them through relationships about American customs that will help them as they transition to this new way of life.



- ESL Classes:
Teach or Assist in ESL (English as a Second Language) classes.
- Physical Needs:

- Meet physical needs. Apartment set up, etc.
- Mentor
Mentor a Refugee Child.
- Afterschool Program:
Volunteer for the Afterschool Program at Shiloh Village Apartments held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 4:00 – 6:00 PM.
- Legal help:
Provide some much needed legal help as these refugees deal with a myriad of issues related to their transition to America.
- Administrative Help:
Provide some administrative help for our partner organization, Refugee Resources, INC.
- Medical Appointments:
Help transport refugees to medical appointments. Many of the refugees do not have a driver's license. In fact, many of the refugees have never driven a car in their lives.

Points of Connection

Hospital Volunteers

Ministry Point Person

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People are very vulnerable during the illness or death of a loved one. There are many real ministry opportunities that are available to people during this time.

- Volunteer Chaplain Program:
Volunteer to provide spiritual comfort, prayer and encouragement during difficult times.
- General Volunteer:
Many hospitals rely upon numerous volunteers to help care for the many needs of their patients.

God's Food Pantry

Ministry Point Person

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This food distribution center in East Plano provides food for hundreds of needy families each month.

- Food Room Worker:
Volunteer to sort, organize and prepare food for distribution.
- Food Pick-up:
Volunteer to pick up donated food at many local Grocery Stores and restaurants.

Neighborhood Ministry

Ministry Point Person

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We really don't have to go far to find people who are in need. Your neighborhood could be one of the greatest untapped ministry opportunities.

- Relational Connector: Be a catalyst in your neighborhood to enter into relationships with others for the Kingdom's sake.



Prison Ministry

Ministry Point Person

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Assist the Church by equipping and igniting Christians to share their faith in Jesus Christ with the “least of these” – the incarcerated.

- Prison Ministry Teammate:
Teammates are invited onto the prison yard to share the gospel with the incarcerated.

Adults with Cognitive Disabilities

Ministry Point Person

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There are many opportunities to minister to adults with cognitive disabilities in our community. Many group home members have families out of state or unable to visit, so forming ongoing relationships with caring Christian individuals helps to meet the needs for family, fellowship and love that so many cognitively challenged adults desire.

- Circle of Friends:
Volunteers host a fellowship of about 75 adults with cognitive disabilities on the first three Tuesdays of each month throughout the school year.
- Mosaic Volunteers:
Volunteer at one of the area group homes or vocational centers for adults with cognitive disabilities. There are always maintenance items that need attention, and the residents enjoy receiving letters and visits as well.



Texas Baptist Men

Ministry Point Person

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Texas Baptist Men are known for their diligence in providing relief work in natural disasters. However, what you may not know is that TBM is still very active locally when there is no natural disaster. Opportunities are available to work 20 – 25 times a year locally as part of the TBM’s Dallas area feeding unit. ENGAGE 1000 volunteers will be part of a team of workers preparing and serving 300 – 1,000 meals at an event. The unit is capable of preparing 8000 at a time, and is called upon for a variety of events in the Dallas area including Operation Care in downtown Dallas, where up to 9000 meals are prepared, local university and college events, mission fairs and

block parties for area churches, Evangelical crusades, and numerous events for Baptist organizations in the area. No prior experience is needed. Ladies are welcome. Participants will be trained.

- Feeding Unit:
Volunteer to be a team member helping to provide a hot meal and a warm shower to needy individuals throughout our community.

Job Seeker Ministry

Ministry Point Person

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Jobseekers Ministry exists to minister to unemployed and underemployed people through Biblically based spiritual encouragement with focus on God's sovereignty and faithfulness during a time of transition.

- Team Member:
As a team member you will help coordinate and plan job seekers workshops; maintain current job postings; encourage those in a time of transition; and other duties as it pertains to a job transition.



Indicates a Family Friendly Opportunity