



Serve Week

Poverty Alleviation

“And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’” Matthew 25:40 NLT

Breaking the cycle of poverty can happen when communities come alongside families and individuals by giving them real, tangible help.

Serving Options:

COATS FOR KIDS

HOW YOU CAN SERVE: Collect new or used coats and drop them off at our Traders Point Northwest, North, or Downtown campuses on Sunday, October 4, from 8am-5pm, and at the West campus from 8am-12pm.

Children from across Central Indiana need coats to stay warm this winter. While a winter coat may seem like a small gift, the Coats for Kids program makes a big impact on local families who are struggling to put food on the table and keep the heat on through winter. Coats can be used or new. Coats are provided for children ages newborn to 17, but the most needed sizes are generally 8-10 (medium/large kids).

Is your family in need of coats? Click the link below to find out how you can receive a coat for your child!

[LEARN MORE ABOUT COATS FOR KIDS](#)

CHILD SPONSORSHIP

HOW YOU CAN SERVE: Sponsor a Child through Missions of Hope International (MOHI).

Now more than ever, the children of the Bondeni School in Kenya need our support. MOHI is meeting the needs of their students and families during the pandemic by providing social workers and education, seeing patients in medical clinics, and providing food baskets.

[SPONSOR A CHILD HERE](#)

[LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW CHILDREN OF THE BONDENI SCHOOL HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY COVID-19](#)

OVER THE EDGE

HOW YOU CAN SERVE: Donate to send the Traders Point Students staff over the edge! Here are more details:

We're going over the edge! Our student ministry is partnering with Central Indiana Youth for Christ (CIYFC) in their annual "Over the Edge" event. The goal is to help curb the rising tide of youth violence by helping raise critical funds that will help teenagers across our city participate in CIYFC's programs. The number of violent crimes among teens has increased in Marion County, and the recidivism rate is disproportionately high at nearly 80%. We're raising money to support CIYFC's Juvenile Justice Ministry, and for every \$1,000 raised, one of our TP Students staff will go over the edge of the Barnes & Thornburg building in downtown Indianapolis.

[DONATE HERE](#)

[LEARN MORE ABOUT OVER THE EDGE](#)

WHEELER MISSION

HOW YOU CAN SERVE: Serve a meal to those experiencing homelessness.

Founded in 1893, Wheeler Mission is the oldest continuously operating ministry of its kind in the state of Indiana. Prepare sack lunches, or volunteer to prepare trays, roll silverware, hand out drinks, and assist with cleaning up during a meal service. Or purchase some of their most needed items.

[SERVE HERE](#)

[LEARN MORE ABOUT WHEELER MISSION](#)

[PURCHASE ITEMS](#)

Please ship items directly to the Northwest Campus: 6590 S Indianapolis Rd | Whitestown, IN 46075-9509

FOOD DONATIONS

HOW YOU CAN SERVE: Drop off our community's most needed food items at our Traders Point Northwest, North, or Downtown campuses on Sunday, October 4, from 8am-5pm, and at the West campus from 8am-12pm.

We want to provide for those who are experiencing food insecurity during this difficult season. **(Please do not donate expired items or items in glass jars/containers.)**

FOOD ITEMS

- Canned meats (tuna & chicken)
- Canned vegetables/fruits
- Canned stews/soups
- Applesauce
- Cereal
- Cooking oil
- Creamy peanut butter
- Hamburger Helper (or similar boxed meals)
- Healthy snacks (granola bars, crackers)

- Kid-friendly foods (ravioli, SpaghettiOs)
- Jelly (plastic jars only)
- Juice boxes
- Pasta (non-perishable)
- Saltine crackers
- Spaghetti sauce (plastic jars only)
- Toddler-friendly foods (snacks, fruit, juice)
- Apple juice/Tomato juice (larger bottles)

NON-FOOD ITEMS:

- Detergent (dish & laundry)
- Diapers (especially larger sizes 5 & 6)
- Toiletries (tissue, soap, toilet paper)
- Toothbrushes / Toothpaste

