



What Kinds of Serving Projects Can We Do?

The range of serving projects is almost as wide as your imagination. You can look at the report from last year to see the kinds of things that have been done (www.carefestnortwest.com). Here are some general descriptions of project types. Above all, a positive, Christ-like, servant-hearted attitude is the greatest quality needed for this kind of ministry.

CLEANING INSIDE

Typical Activities: General cleaning inside houses, buildings, vehicles, and the things inside them. Use standard cleaning agents such as Lysol, bleach, floor cleaners, etc

Useful skills: Hard working and willingness to get your hands dirty. Attention to detail is welcome.

Typical tools and items you might be asked to bring: Latex gloves, rags, mops, buckets.

CLEAN-UP OUTSIDE

Typical Activities: General outdoor cleanup such as raking yards, sweeping surfaces, cleaning the sides of buildings, washing windows, pulling weeds, power-washing, hauling away junk, picking up trash.

Useful skills: Willingness to get a good workout without having to go to the gym!

Typical tools and items you might be asked to bring: Rakes, brooms, window squeegees, buckets, rags, and gloves.

COLLECTION of DONATIONS EVENT

Typical Activities: Helping to promote and collect items in line with the objectives of CAREfest. Could be clothing, food or other supplies-collecting event. May require some sorting or moving

Useful skills: Working with teams of people

Typical tools and items you might be asked to bring: Boxes, bags, marking tools

CONSTRUCTION

Typical Activities: Building walls, structures, or major repair/remodel work. Some projects could include any of the following: carpentry, plumbing, laying carpet, electrical, general construction labor/help, concrete.

Useful skills: Wide range from high skill professional to basic labor.

Typical tools and items you might be asked to bring: Construction tools, gloves, ear/eye protection.

CRAFTS

Typical Activities: Make items with or for people. Could include sewing, quilting, craft painting, hand craft work of various kinds.

Useful skills: Ability to do or learn to do the craft required

Typical tools and items you might be asked to bring: Sewing machine, glue gun, paint, supplies.

FIREWOOD

Typical Activities: Cut, split, stacks and delivers wood to people in need.

Useful skills: Able to handle chainsaw, power splitter, pick up and carry.

Typical tools and items you might be asked to bring: Chain saw, gloves, eye, face and ear protection

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FUN EVENT

Typical Activities: Do a seminar, skills workshop, host a party, crafts with children

Useful skills: Relational ministry, counseling, teaching, listening skills

Typical tools and items you might be asked to bring: Varies

GIVEAWAYS

Typical Activities: Hand out free food, water or other items to people in various venues as random acts of kindness.

Useful skills: Friendliness.

Typical tools and items you might be asked to bring: None

LANDSCAPING

Typical Activities: Planting of flowers, grass, bushes, and trees. Turning soil, seeding, watering, pulling weeds, cutting lawns or trimming bushes and trees

Useful skills: Willingness to work outside, get your hands dirty, and get a good workout!

Typical tools and items you might be asked to bring: Rakes, shovels, weed eaters, hedge trimmers, lawn mowers, and chainsaws

MAINTENANCE

Typical Activities: General Maintenance, typically a combination of: scraping, painting, cleanup outside, cleaning, minor repair (see description of each). Specific task depends on the working team one is assigned to.

Useful skills: See skills for repair, painting, cleanup outside, cleaning.

Typical tools and items you might be asked to bring: See items needed for repair, painting, cleanup outside, cleaning

MECHANICAL

Typical Activities: Doing basic maintenance and repair on cars or trucks under supervision of professional mechanics.

Useful skills: Basic ability to use tools and follow instructions.

Typical tools and items you might be asked to bring: Usually not needed.

MOVING

Typical Activities: Moving equipment, furniture or boxes. May require lifting/moving something heavy.

Useful skills: Strong back and muscles, positive attitude

Typical tools and items you might be asked to bring: Dollies, moving blankets or towels for protection, packing tape

MUSIC

Typical Activities: Provide music entertainment for a venue where needed and wanted such as senior community.

Useful skills: Various levels of vocal or instrumental skill.

Typical tools and items you might be asked to bring: Musical instruments

PAINTING

Typical Activities: Painting of interior or exterior walls, furniture, fences (rollers or hand brushes). Tasks include everything from prep work (taping, sanding, scraping) to final cleanup

Useful skills: Willingness to get some paint on you. Some jobs may need a steady hand

Typical tools and items you might be asked to bring: Brushes, rollers (and roller extension arms), rags, ladders

PICNIC

Typical Activities: All the things necessary to host a picnic – food prep, grilling, serving, cleanup, organize games and activities for the people being served.

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Useful skills: Eagerness to connect with people and serve their needs

Typical tools and items you might be asked to bring: Might need to bring grills, games, coolers, ice, paper, plastic ware

REPAIR and FIX

Typical Activities: Similar to maintenance but with a greater emphasis on fixing broken or damaged things. Minor repair work or revitalize the condition of equipment, appliances, furniture, or houses. Repair work is typically mechanically oriented. Some repair work may include electrical.

Useful skills: Ability to work with tools. Creative repair ideas are welcome.

Typical tools and items you might be asked to bring: General tool set. Some jobs may need specialized equipment.

SEWING

Typical Activities: Making useful or comforting items for people in need. Use machines and hand work to create items.

Useful skills: Hand sewing and machine operation.

Typical tools and items you might be asked to bring: Cloth, sewing machine, needles, and thread

SORTING/ORGANIZING

Typical Activities: Collecting, sorting and organizing of food, clothing, papers.

Useful skills: Gift of organization. Patience to sort lots of stuff!

Typical tools and items you might be asked to bring: Boxes, bags, marking tools

SKY IS THE LIMIT

Typical Activities: There are many more things not mentioned in these categories. Be creative and imagine what the Lord could use of your skills and ideas to demonstrate His love.

Useful skills: Depends on the task.

Typical tools and items you might be asked to bring: Depends on the task.