



CHURCHES PARTNERING TOGETHER

Compassion in Action Church Starter Packet October 3 & 4, 2009



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Packet Overview

Packet Purpose

The purpose of this packet is to provide pastors and church leaders with helpful suggestions regarding their church's involvement in *Compassion in Action Weekend* (Oct. 3 & 4).

There are several levels of involvement that will make it easy for any church to get involved serving people in greatest need throughout our community, during *Compassion in Action Weekend* (and beyond).



Your church can participate in *Compassion in Action Weekend* by:

1. Coordinating your own *Compassion in Action* service projects.
2. Partnering with another church in coordinating service projects.
3. Participating in other church's service projects, as are posted at www.UniteUs.org.

Resources

This packet will be of greatest use to you should your church decide to: a) coordinate your own service projects, or b) partner with another church in coordinating projects. If you decide that your congregation would simply prefer to participate in service projects coordinated by other churches, you can easily view and sign up for service projects at www.UniteUs.org.

Unite! and Compassion in Action t-shirts, bulletin inserts, yard signs, and banners will be available to order. To place your order, contact Heidi in the Unite! office at 678-405-2164 or heidih@perimeter.org. Yard signs and banners can also purchase resources directly from our supplier, Encore Exhibits, Inc. (678-421-9002 / www.encorex.com) located at 5870-B Oakbrook Pkwy., Norcross, GA 30093.

Coaching

If you would like to be coached through the planning process of mobilizing your congregation to serve during *Compassion in Action Weekend*, we'll be glad to assist you! For coaching or questions, contact Unite! at 678-405-2164.



Partnering Together to Serve Atlanta

Unite!, Hands on Atlanta, and Gwinnett Great Days of Service

In 2007, Unite! Churches started a partnership with Hands on Atlanta and Gwinnett Great Days of Service. Since then, we've mobilized a combined 30,000 volunteers in more than 500 service projects throughout metro Atlanta!

This year, we look to do more of the same. On September 1, 2009, Compassion in Action service projects will be accessible for volunteer sign up at www.UniteUs.org.

Compassion in Action

STEPS TO CHURCH INVOLVEMENT

The following steps are suggestions to help your church in the process of coordinating service projects and mobilizing volunteers for *Compassion in Action Weekend*.

1. Develop a plan for your congregation's involvement.
2. Consider partnering with another church in your service projects.
3. Recruit a *Compassion in Action* Coordinator for your congregation.
4. Choose service projects for your congregation.
5. Cast vision of *Compassion in Action* and projects to your congregation.
6. Recruit service project leaders to oversee service projects.
7. Post service projects online at www.UniteUs.org by August 21.
8. Invite volunteers to sign up for service projects.
9. Cast vision for volunteers to continue serving throughout the year.

PLANNING CALENDAR

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | August 21 | CIA Projects Submitted (go to www.UniteUs.org) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | August 21 | CIA Promo Materials Ordering Deadline
Bulletin inserts, brochures, t-shirts, banners, yard signs, etc.
More info at 678-405-2164. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | September 1 | Volunteer Registration Starts (at www.UniteUs.org) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | September 13 | Week 1 - Church Promotion & CIA Registration Begins
CIA communications to congregation (i.e. bulletin insert, video promo, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | September 20 | Week 2 - Church Promotion & CIA Registration Begins
CIA communications to congregation (i.e. bulletin insert, video promo, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | September 27 | Week 3 - Church Promotion & CIA Registration Begins
CIA communications to congregation (i.e. bulletin insert, video promo, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | October 3 & 4 | Compassion in Action Weekend! |

Unite! NE Partner Contacts

The following ministry partners are just a few that may be able to help you come up with a service project to mobilize a family, small group or a large number of people. For additional partner contacts, go to www.UniteUs.org.

Good Samaritan Health Center of Gwinnett

Contact: Monica Piggott
monica@goodsamhc.org
www.goodsamgwinnett.org
678-770-7028

Home Repairs Ministries

Contact: Harvey Anderson
handerson@homerepairsministries.org
www.homerepairsministries.org
404-964-6681

Movers & Shakers (Furniture Ministry)

Contact: Steve Lambert
sd.lambert@comcast.net
www.atlmoversnshakers.org
678-471-4482

Serving the Public Schools

Contact: Drue Warner
druewarner@mac.com
www.uniteus.org
404-906-9117

Whirlwind Missions (Apartment Ministries)

Contact: Tim Cummins
timacummins@gmail.com
www.whirlwindmissions.org
770-490-1668

Unite! Church Contacts

Planning Service Projects Together

Churches are encouraged to plan service projects together. For contact information on Unite! churches that will be participating in Compassion in Action Weekend, go to www.UniteUs.org or contact Heidi at 678-405-2164 or heidih@perimeter.org

Participating Churches include:

12Stone Church, All Saints Catholic Church, Atlanta Vineyard, Big Creek Church, Chapel of Christian Love, Chattahoochee Christian, Church of the Hills Presbyterian, CrossBridge Church (Marietta), Destiny Church (Buford), Destiny Metropolitan Church (Marietta), Dogwood Church, Dunwoody Baptist Church, Dunwoody Community Church, Duluth First Baptist, East Cobb Presbyterian, Elizabeth Baptist Church, Ellenwood Church, Epic Faith, Full Circle Ministries, Grace Church of Gwinnett, Grace Community Presbyterian, Harmony Grove UMC, Hopewell Missionary Baptist, International House of Prayer, Johnson Ferry Baptist, Kingswood United Methodist, La Iglesia Comunidad Cristiana (Roswell), Liberty Baptist Church, Lilburn Alliance Church, Living Faith Church, McKendree United Methodist, Midway Macedonia Baptist, Mount Paran North Church of God, Mount Pisgah United Methodist, New Beginnings Fellowship, New Birth Missionary Baptist, New Church of Atlanta (Korean), Northeast Community Church, North Avenue Presbyterian, North River Community Church, Northside Family Worship, Norcross United Methodist, Old Peachtree Presbyterian, Open Door Church, Open Table Community Church, Peachtree Corners Christian Church, Peachtree Presbyterian, Perimeter Church, Providence Missionary Baptist, Raise His Praise, ReGen Fellowship, Roswell UMC, Shadowbrook Church (Suwanee), Simonton Baptist Church (Snellville), Snellville United Methodist, St. James Lutheran, St. Luke's Presbyterian, Stonemill Church, Sugar Hill First Baptist, Trinity Life Church, Victory World Church, and World Fellowship Church International

For a complete listing of Unite! Churches and a link to their websites, go to www.UniteUs.org.