



Ways to Serve Our Neighbors

BostonServe, is **Churches Together, Serving the City**. We are working with the Greater Things for Greater Boston group and pastors throughout the region to encourage every church to serve in their neighborhood on **May 6, 2017**.

Here are some ideas of projects that you can organize. Once you decide on a project, tell us about it by going to uniteboston.com/bostonserve!

We will distribute free tee shirts for your participation, which is one way we can make the unity we have in Christ visible throughout the city! We hope you will continue wearing your tee shirts throughout the year to remind us that together in Christ, we are one.

The opportunities for community service are endless; a good place to start is by asking questions like:

- How is the gospel good news for my neighbors?
- What in my neighborhood breaks my heart and is need of God's peace?
- What is something that Christians together in my neighborhood can accomplish, that working independently we would not be able to?

Simple ideas that don't take much planning:

- Trash clean-up
- Prayer walk
- Homeless ministry
- Teen pizza party or ice cream social
- Park day with local children and families

More complicated (but incredibly rewarding) ideas:

- School/Church Partnership - Cleaning, painting, reading buddies, etc.
- Outdoor worship service
- Building project
- Community block party or potluck or movie night

What else has God put on your heart? Dream big! We're here to help you make it happen!

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In 2015, UniteBoston hosted an initiative called BostonServe, where churches in Boston were encouraged to serve in their neighborhoods together on one day. Churches could participate in an area of service they were already involved in, or do something new to make God's love for Boston visible.

2015 service projects included:

- Roxbury Presbyterian Church held a candlelight vigil service for healing and hope for the community.
- North River Community Church and People's Baptist Church painted and cleaned up Timilty Middle School.
- Symphony Church re-painted the Jackson Mann K-8 School playground.
- St Stephens Church, Vibrant Boston, and B Peace for Jorge joined together to clean up Ramsay Park
- Heart Change Fellowship cleaned trophies and gave a fresh coat of paint at English High School.
- Global Ministries Christian Church joined with a few friends from Aletheia Church to clean up Codman Park.
- Journey Church joined with young people from the Coptic Orthodox Church of Boston to minister to the homeless in Harvard Square.
- The Community of St Egidio joined with the Coptic Orthodox Church of Boston to engage in conversation with our elderly friends.
- St Peters Episcopal Church hosted the Gonzaga University Alumni group to serve dinner to the homeless.
- Hope Fellowship Church painted at a school in Somerville.

Check out www.uniteboston.com/bostonserve for more information. We look forward to serving the city with you!