

# PTHOPS006 Pathfinder Community Service

## PATHFINDER SPECIALIST AWARD



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# CORE CONCEPTS OF SERVICE IN THE BIBLE

- **Sharing the gospel with the world (Mat 28:19-20).**
- **Being God's witnesses (Acts 1:8).**
- **Helping and loving others as yourself (Heb 13:2).**
- **Loving your neighbour (Luke 10:25-37).**
- **Being an example in the world (Mat 5:16).**
- **Youth providing service (Tim 4:12).**



IMPACT OF

*Community Service . . .*

- . . . on the Pathfinders Faith Development**
- . . . on the Pathfinder**
- . . . on the Pathfinder**
- . . . on the Pathfinder Club**
- . . . on the community**



# **IMPACT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE ON** *Pathfinder Faith Development*

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## **“REFLECTIVE FAITH” STAGE OF FAITH DEVELOPMENT**


- Adolescents aged 10-12 years.**
- Discovery of their own identity.**
- Reflection on how/what their role models believe in and how they act.**
- Important for the church/pathfinder club to provide activities that show what it means to have faith and live by it.**



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## **“PERSONALISED FAITH” STAGE OF FAITH DEVELOPMENT**

- **Adolescents aged 13-15 years.**
  - **Sense of freedom to choose, gain personal identification with their faith, be actively involved in discussing various world views.**
  - **Highly motivated to learn about and experience God.**
  - **Desires for purpose and love can be met and fed through service projects.**
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# **IMPACT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE**

## ***on the Pathfinder***

- **Presents a sense of achievement and self worth.**
- **Develops unity and sense of teamwork.**
- **Can help put problems in perspective.**
- **Aids in providing personal growth for Pathfinders.**
- **Provides the opportunity for personal discovery.**
- **Brings the Pathfinder and the community on holy ground at the foot of the Cross.**
- **Provides a sense of belonging, beyond the church family, within the community.**



# **IMPACT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE** *on the Pathfinder*

- **Opportunity to serve without payment.**
- **Life-long impact from the blessing of serving.**
- **Realisation that each team member has a special and unique role to play in the task.**
- **Aids in providing personal growth for Pathfinders.**
- **Service is a gift and is not limited by culture, language, religion etc.**

# **IMPACT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE** *on the Pathfinder Club*

- Provides a challenge for pathfinders, often beyond comfort zones.
- Becomes an anchor-point experience never forgotten.
- Fun.
- Builds spirituality within the club as each Pathfinder is brought closer to God.
- Develops a team spirit.
- Sense of achievement within the club.
- Develops a positive and accepting environment.



# **IMPACT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE** *on the Pathfinder Club*

- **Can remind Pathfinders how blessed they are in their own life.**
- **Opportunity to develop skills including leadership.**
- **Gives a positive profile for the club in the community and potential for media exposure (newspaper, radio, local media).**
- **Maintains the ideals of the Pathfinder spirit.**



# **IMPACT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE** *on the Community*

- **Awareness that the Pathfinder club exists.**
- **Sees the hands and feet of Jesus in action in a practical way.**
- **Experiences love freely given.**
- **Benefits from the services the Pathfinders offer (i.e. lawnmowing, soup kitchen etc).**



# TYPES OF

# *community service*

- **LEVEL 1:**
  - “Once-off event” – minimal contact with the public i.e. letterboxing, giving out drinks at a fun run.
- **LEVEL 2:**
  - Annual event – limited contact with individuals and the community i.e. Vacation Bible School, STORM Co., Fly & Build, special church program etc.
- **LEVEL 3:**
  - Monthly/weekly event – potential to develop good friends i.e. soup kitchen, visiting a nursing home, after-school games etc.

# TYPES OF

# *community service*

- **LEVEL 4:**
  - Program focused on sharing about Jesus – develops friendships specifically designed to encourage people toward baptism i.e. small groups, bible study, volunteer ministry.
- **LEVEL 5:**
  - Life work in the church or a Christian organisation – can develop friendships that will lead to baptism, contact with the community i.e. full time mission work.





# PROGRAMMING FOR A

# *community service* ACTIVITY

## RESEARCH

- What is the age range of the group?
- What is the skill level of the group?
- What are the recognised spiritual gifts of the group?
- How many staff are available to assist?
- What interest is there in community service?
- How much time is available?



# PROGRAMMING FOR A

# *community service* ACTIVITY

## DEVELOP THE PLAN

- Brainstorm with a team (leaders, pathfinders, pastor).
- Pray about it.
- Discuss the options available.
- Consider the cost.
- Identify advantages and disadvantages of each idea.
- Gain support of the idea.



# PROGRAMMING FOR A

# *community service* ACTIVITY

## SELL THE IDEA

- Get the leaders and staff on board and committed.
- Advertise the project to the pathfinders, staff, parents.
- Inform the church and ask for support.
- Send out application forms, seek parent consent.

# PROGRAMMING FOR A

# *community service*

# ACTIVITY

## LOGISTICAL PLANNING

- Secure a location for the project.
- Gain permission from the community as required.
- Advertise in the community if necessary.
- Transportation.
- Fundraising.
- Create a program/running sheet.
- Assign responsibilities, write job descriptions.







# PROGRAMMING FOR A

# *community service*

# ACTIVITY

## LOGISTICAL PLANNING

- Identify equipment needed.
- Train people for specific roles as required.
- Identify medical personnel.
- Ensure Risk Management requirements are met.
- Pray!



# PROGRAMMING FOR A

# *community service*

# ACTIVITY

## IMPLEMENT THE PROJECT

- Be the leader.
- Mentor participants.
- Adapt the program as required depending to the needs of the community/environment.
- Have fun.
- Keep the program running to time.

# PROGRAMMING FOR A

# *community service* ACTIVITY

## PACK-UP/CONCLUSION

- Have a team prepared to pack-up (or use the whole team).
- Assign people responsibilities.
- Check equipment before it is stored away (i.e. for need of repair).
- Pack everything away efficiently and into its appropriate place.
- Allow participants time to say goodbye.



# PROGRAMMING FOR A

# *community service*

# ACTIVITY

## PACK-UP/CONCLUSION

- Have time for debriefing.
- Follow up with participants, if necessary.
- Send out thank you letters to the supporting organisations/individuals.
- Send out certificates of participation to participants.
- Find a way to celebrate accomplishment with the team – either a meal, ice cream is a great way to show appreciation.

# PROGRAMMING FOR A

# *community service* ACTIVITY

## REPORTING

- Show pictures at a reunion or next club meeting.
- Present a report to the church – show pictures, have Pathfinders share their experiences.
- Write up a short report including pictures for the conference/mission newsletter.
- Include community service projects in the investiture program complete with pictures of those involved.

# *Spiritual Gifts*

## **SUPPORT GIFTS**

- **Helps (serving) – 1 Cor. 12:28**
- **Mercy (kindness) – Rom. 12:8**
- **Giving – Rom. 12:8**
- **Hospitality – 1 Pet. 4:9,10**
- **Encouragement – Rom. 12:8**

# *Spiritual Gifts*

## **TEACHING GIFTS**

- Teaching – 1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:11
- Knowledge – 1 Cor. 12:8
- Wisdom – 1 Cor. 12:8
- Pastor (shepherding) – Eph 4:11

# *Spiritual Gifts*

## **LEADERSHIP & ADMINISTRATIVE GIFTS**

- Faith – 1 Cor. 12:9
- Leadership – Rom. 12:8
- Administration – 1 Cor. 12:28
- Apostleship – 1 Cor. 12:28



# *Spiritual Gifts*

## **OUTREACH GIFTS**

- **Evangelism – Eph. 4:11**
- **Tongues – 1 Cor. 12:10; 1 Cor. 12:28**
- **Discernment – 1 Cor. 12:10**
- **Creative Communication – Ps. 150:3-5**
- **Crafts – Exodus 31:3**

# *Spiritual Gifts*

## **SIGNS & WONDERS GIFTS**

- **Miracles – 1 Cor. 12:28**
- **Healing – 1 Cor. 12:9; 1 Cor. 12:28**
- **Prophecy – Eph. 4:11**



# Identifying Gifts

- **Personal passion: What is your passion? What do you enjoy doing?**
- **What is your motivation for service: Servility or servanthood?**
- **Personal style: How are you energised? How are you organised?**
- **Spiritual gift survey: Completing a survey may highlight areas you are gifted in.**
- **Affirmation: Test your intuition and take notice of the gifts you receive affirmation for. Do you agree these are your spiritual gifts?**