



# Create a Better World Community Service Project Proposal

***Please read the reverse side of this form before completing!***

## Your Contact Information (please print legibly)

Project Lead Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your project team must include at least one member of Center for Spiritual Living (you or someone else).

Member name: \_\_\_\_\_

Project type:  One-time project  Ongoing/recurring  Collection drive (non-monetary)

How soon do you want this project to occur?  Specific date: \_\_\_\_\_ (if you are joining a project whose date is set)  
 Preferred date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 I can schedule it anytime  
 Urgent response; needs to be initiated within 7 to 21 days

## Project Intention

What organization or group of people will this benefit? \_\_\_\_\_

If an organization, is it a 501c3 nonprofit?  YES  NO

How many people could likely benefit from this project? \_\_\_\_\_

General project description: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In what way do you intend to ***Create a Better World*** with this project? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What inspires you to lead this project? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Project Resources

Anticipated size of your project team? (minimum 5) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you seeking financial support to accomplish your project?  \$50 or under  More than \$50  None



# Create a Better World

## Supporting mindful service in our community

Center for Spiritual Living encourages its congregants to be active, generous participants in creating a world that works for everyone. Through our **Create a Better World** ministry, you can put together a community service project for a cause you feel passionate about and enlist others from the Center to join your team. It's a great way to practice the art of mindful service and generosity, and make a difference in the lives of others.

### Purpose

To inspire and expand the practice of compassionate, joyful volunteer service in the greater community. The Create a Better World team serves as the coordinating body within Center for Spiritual Living to steward congregants in creating and leading community service projects that align with the Center's mission and principles. We provide coaching, resources, and tools to support project leaders and connect participants to service activities they care about.

### Our Vision

We effectively guide, support and create opportunities for people to build community and make a difference in the lives of others. We are a channel of God's Love, Grace and Power as we help transform ideas into reality through mindful service

### Activities

Here are examples of past Create a Better World activities sponsored by Center for Spiritual Living teams:

- Habitat for Humanity – help construct a local home; every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. Occasional week-long trips to the Gulf Coast to rebuild homes for hurricane Katrina survivors.
- Rebuilding Together – restoring the home of an elderly homeowner.
- A wide variety of one-day project teams throughout the year: Food Lifeline, food banks, Forgotten Children's Fund, Hopelink, Treehouse, YWCA, trail restoration, senior center and more!
- Collection of school supplies for homeless children.
- Response to urgent situations, like natural disasters.

### How do I get involved?

If you have a service project you would like to lead and enroll others from Center for Spiritual Living, simply fill out the *Community Service Project Proposal* on the other side of this document. Some things to keep in mind:

### Basic criteria:

- Project teams must include at least **one member of Center for Spiritual Living** as a project sponsor or participant.
- Please plan a project in which at least five people can participate on the team.
- There must someone willing to serve as project leader to submit a proposal.
- Projects that are primarily fundraising in nature will not be considered.
- You may sponsor a drive to collect items needed by a nonprofit organization (food drive, school supplies, coats, etc).
- An "urgent response" project is one that requires action within 7 to 21 days. Such a proposal will be reviewed as quickly as possible and not wait for the monthly project review meeting.

### What happens next?

Turn in your completed Community Service Project Proposal to the Create a Better World inbox at the Create a Better World station in the Celebration Hall

The Create a Better World coordinating team meets monthly to review and approve project proposals and funding requests, and checks the master calendar for the Center to make sure the timing of your project doesn't conflict with other scheduled activities.

Once your project is approved, you'll be matched with a CBW team member who can serve as a coach and mentor to help you organize your project. You will receive information to help you publicize your project, recruit volunteers, receive funding, ensure safety, and celebrate your success.

### Questions?

You can contact the Create a Better World team by email at: [betterworld@spiritualliving.org](mailto:betterworld@spiritualliving.org) or phone one of the following:

- Valerie Tims, chair 206.923.0465
- Sherry Dawley, vice-chair 206.527.8712