



BLACK ROCK **CHURCH**

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



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Our mission: Ignite a passion in our church to bring the gospel to our local community through service and relationship with our neighbors, towns, and strategic partners.

Team up with one of our partners throughout the year.

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# FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” **James 2:14-17**

**AT BLACK ROCK,** we want our faith to be ALIVE. Jesus loves our community, and so do we. On YOUR street, in YOUR neighborhood, in YOUR town there are people who need the love of Jesus – how will you step out in faith with Jesus to impact our community?



# HOW CAN YOU SERVE OUR COMMUNITY?

## 1. SIGN UP TO GET EMAILS & TEXTS.

We'll tell you about opportunities and stories of what is happening. Scan the QR code.



EMAIL LIST SIGN UP

## 2. SERVE ON 2ND SATURDAYS 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Every second Saturday of the month, we will have a church-wide service project: We set up the project, you show up at the church, and we'll serve our community together! Make sure to join our email list so you know about each upcoming project. Mark your calendar! The first fall projects are:

September 10

November 12

October 8

December 10

## 3. SERVE WITH OUR PARTNERS ON A WEEKLY OR MONTHLY BASIS.

Check out this brochure for the many ways to serve with our partners, or go to our website: [BLACKROCK.ORG/SERVELOCAL](https://BLACKROCK.ORG/SERVELOCAL)



**DESCRIPTION:** Young Life’s mission is to introduce adolescents to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith. We believe that every kid deserves the chance to hear about the God who loves them and wants to bring meaning and purpose into their life. We aim to serve as “local missionaries” to high school and middle school students in the area who aren’t yet plugged in with a local church.

## SERVE WITH YOUNG LIFE

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### SERVING WITH STUDENTS

**WHAT:** Spending time with students to build relationships with them and share the gospel in word and deed.

**WHEN:** Monday nights 7:15-9:00 PM weekly meetings, bi-weekly Friday 5:00-7:00 PM leadership training.

**WHERE:** Christian Heritage School in Trumbull

### SERVING ON COMMITTEE

**WHAT:** Attend committee meetings, participate in a sub-committee, give input and ideas to help improve Young Life in Greater Fairfield, and be an advocate for Young Life in the community.

**WHEN:** Meetings are once a month, usually the 3rd Sunday of the month, from 2:00-4:30 PM including a meal together.

**WHERE:** Typically one of the committee members hosts the meeting. Will usually be in Trumbull, Fairfield, or Westport.

### BE A COMMUNITY ADVOCATE

**WHAT:** Attend a See the Story event and host/invite others to join them for future See the Story events. These are 1 hour info meetings where we share the vision of Young Life (not a fundraising event)! These are meant to be smaller events (6-10 people) with light snacks and drinks, where people who don’t know about Young Life can come to simply hear what we are about. A person could host their own event and fill the spots themselves, or join in to an existing event and simply invite someone else to join them.

**WHEN:** Since it’s one hour, the time slot is fairly flexible.

**WHERE:** They can be held anywhere that will comfortably fit 6-10 people where a presentation can be made (homes, church, other quiet location).

# PIVOT MINISTRIES



**DESCRIPTION:** Pivot Ministries is a Bible-based in-residence recovery program for men. The ministry, located in Bridgeport, supplies all the spiritual and practical needs of each incoming student, training and equipping disciples to preach the word of God. Pivot men contribute to the community by providing labor and assistance to churches and nonprofits.

## SERVE WITH PIVOT

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### MEAL DELIVERY

**WHAT:** Making and delivering a meal for 53 men

**WHEN:** Any evening

**WHERE:** Jane Street, Bridgeport

### CAR REPAIR

**WHAT:** Mechanical help for broken down cars

**WHEN:** By appointment

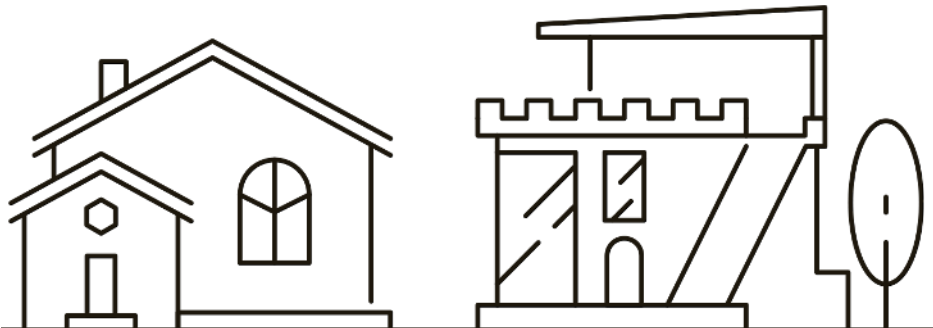
**WHERE:** Jane Street, Bridgeport

### ADMINISTRATIVE WORK

**WHAT:** Data entry in the Development and Intake Office

**WHEN:** Weekly, three-hour increments

**WHERE:** Jane Street, Bridgeport



# HOPELINE PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

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PREGNANCY CENTER

**DESCRIPTION:** Hopeline is a Christ-centered ministry that offers hope and support to women and their families facing an unplanned pregnancy. We believe and promote the sanctity of human life by helping clients make an informed decision regarding their pregnancy. We provide pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and counseling for abortion and pregnancy loss, at no cost. We also offer parenting classes and adoption referrals and conduct abstinence instruction in public schools.

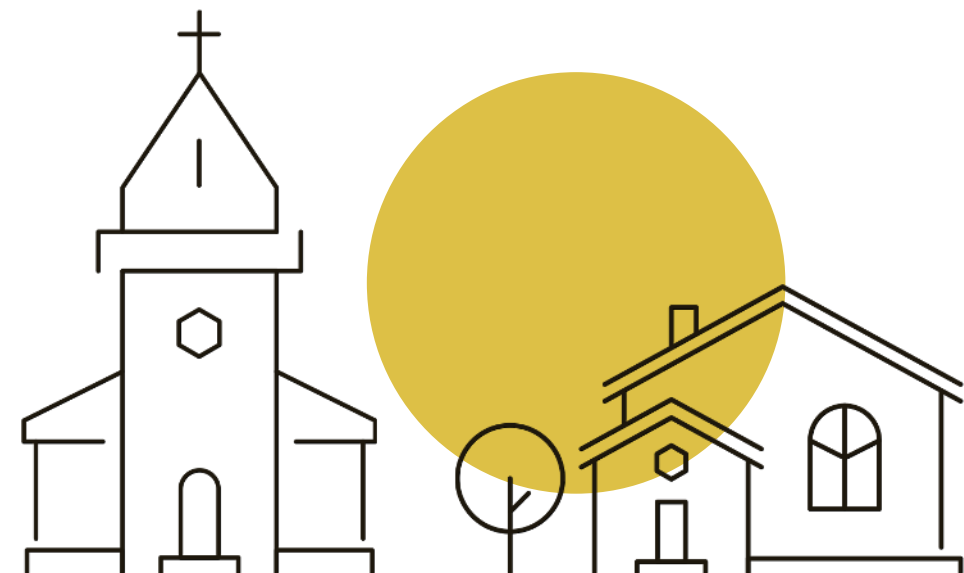
## SERVE WITH HOPELINE

### PATIENT SUPPORT

**WHAT:** Greeting patients, answering phones, setting up appointments, and giving patients resource kits. Generally, for in-office volunteers, women are preferred because of the nature of the ministry.

**WHEN:** We're looking for volunteers who can commit to serving weekly in 3-4 hour time slots Monday-Thursday. The Stamford Center is open on Fridays.

**WHERE:** Bridgeport, Danbury, and Stamford locations



## MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE WITH HOPELINE

### SERVING AT THE CENTER

**WHAT:** Putting together resource packs and helping with clerical work. Generally, for in-office volunteers, women are preferred because of the nature of the ministry.

**WHEN:** We're looking for volunteers who can commit to serving weekly in 3-4 hour time slots Monday-Thursday. The Stamford Center is open on Fridays.

**WHERE:** Bridgeport, Danbury, and Stamford locations

### RECOVERY MINISTRY

**WHAT:** Participating in the recovery ministry requires training with our recovery director. Once through the application process and trained, recovery leaders lead Bible studies for men and women who have had abortions, were victims of sexual trauma or who have experienced child loss. Female leaders are welcome and we are always looking to add male leaders.

**WHEN:** We're looking for volunteers who can commit to serving weekly in 3-4 hour time slots Monday-Thursday. The Stamford Center is open on Fridays.

**WHERE:** Bridgeport, Danbury, and Stamford locations



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# URBAN IMPACT



**DESCRIPTION:** Urban Impact is made up of volunteers who tutor and mentor at-risk youth, K-Grade 12, in the low-income PT Barnum public housing community of Bridgeport. At-risk youth are offered in-school and after-school activities to help them achieve academic success and develop positive character traits. By example, the volunteers demonstrate the peace, strength and self-worth that results from knowing Christ personally.

## SERVE WITH URBAN IMPACT

### KID POWER

**WHAT:** Work under the direction of a teacher as a classroom helper or tutor, helping students with various subjects either individually or in a group as needed.

**WHEN:** Weekdays between 9:00 AM & 2:00 PM. We coordinate with volunteers and teachers to find a day/time that works best for both parties. We ask volunteers to commit to a 90-minute session at least once a week.

**WHERE:** Geraldine Claytor Magnet Academy, Bridgeport





## MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE WITH URBAN IMPACT

### XLR8

**WHAT:** XLR8 is a homework/tutoring program. Volunteers help the student assigned to them with their homework. In some cases, they may need to tutor the student in math/literacy because the student may not understand the assigned work. There is also a recreational portion of the program that the mentors will be asked to engage in. Mentors are expected to put in an effort to build relationships with the students.

**WHEN:** Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 PM

**WHERE:** Geraldine Claytor Magnet Academy, Bridgeport

### PRIMETIME

**WHAT:** This is a Christian mentoring program. The hope is that volunteers who come out will connect and share their faith with their mentees. During Primetime sessions a gospel message is shared and mentors will be expected to help their mentees understand the message and process it so the students can grow in their faith. The kids also engage in a variety of recreational activities. The mentors will be expected to engage with the kids and talk with them about school, life and the gospel.

**WHEN:** Monday nights, Primetime Junior (grades 3-5) runs from 5:30-7:00 PM and Primetime (grades 6-8) runs from 6:30-8:00 PM

**WHERE:** Geraldine Claytor Magnet Academy, Bridgeport



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# OPERATION HOPE



**DESCRIPTION:** Operation Hope provides services to our neighbors in Fairfield who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. These services include an Emergency Shelter (30 beds for men, women and families), a community kitchen serving lunch and dinner every day, and a food pantry that provides for over 200 families per month. Beyond addressing immediate needs, Operation Hope is committed to addressing the root causes of homelessness by providing skills-training, counseling and long-term affordable housing.

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### COMMUNITY KITCHEN DELIVERY

**WHAT:** Prepare a meal to serve 45-50 people, including a main protein, vegetable, starch, small green salad, and dessert.

**WHEN:** Meals need to be delivered by 3:00 PM on the second Thursday of each month (or delivered the night before).

**WHERE:** 50 Nichols Street, Fairfield

### FALL YARD CLEAN-UP

**WHAT:** Shopping for materials (mulch, flowers, leaf bags, gloves, etc.) and then raking, weeding, planting, and other landscaping activities to make the garden beautiful!

**WHEN:** Contact to schedule a date this fall

**WHERE:** Contact to schedule - several locations are in need

### BAKED GOODS

**WHAT:** Provide treats for Food Pantry patrons such as cookies, brownies, muffins, etc., baked in batches of a dozen, labeled with ingredients.

**WHEN:** Delivered between 10:00 AM-4:00 PM Monday, Wednesday, or Friday.

**WHERE:** 636 Old Post Road, Fairfield



**DESCRIPTION:** The Gideons International is an organization of Christian professionals and business men that distribute Scriptures free of charge around the world. There are many opportunities for you to pray and be a part of the worldwide distribution of God's Word.

## SERVE WITH GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL

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### NEW TESTAMENT HAND-OUTS

**WHAT:** Outreach events where volunteers distribute New Testament scriptures at events.

**WHEN/WHERE:**

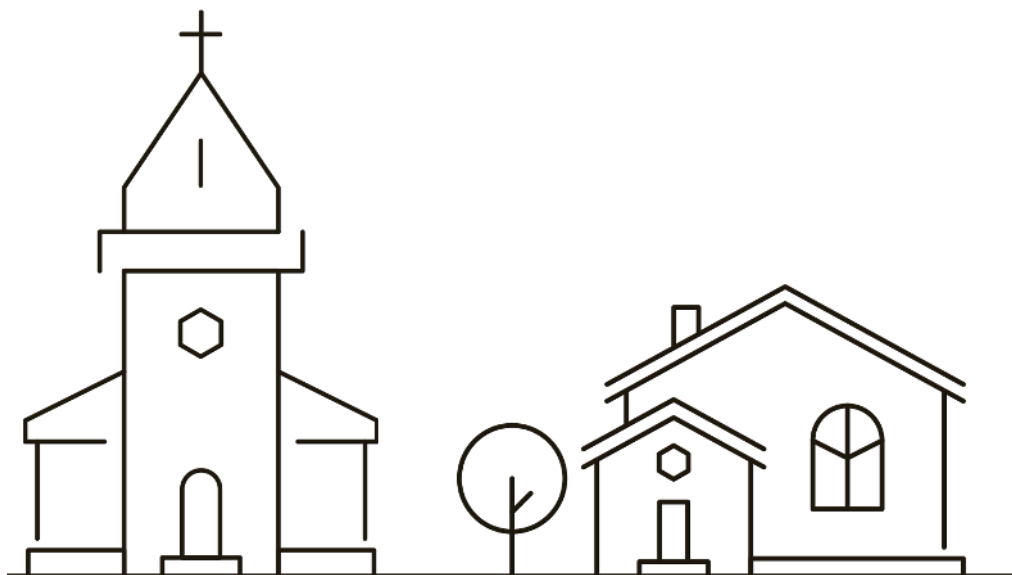
- Norwalk Oyster Festival: September 9-11
- New York City Blitz: September 19
- Big E Fair, MA: September 16-October 2

### DETENTION CENTER BIBLE SERVICES

**WHAT:** Preaching the Word and handing out Bibles at a service in the Bridgeport Youth Detention Center.

**WHEN:** Sunday afternoons, Wednesday evenings

**WHERE:** 60 Housatonic Avenue, Bridgeport



# BRIDGEPORT RESCUE MISSION



**DESCRIPTION:** We demonstrate the love of God to hungry, homeless, and addicted people throughout coastal Connecticut, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. We provide a place of hope and dignity, fighting poverty from the inside out. Through our New Life program, we offer education, biblical counseling, and case management. We are funded by compassionate individuals, churches, organizations, and foundations, trusting in God to meet our needs.

## SERVE WITH BRIDGEPORT RESCUE MISSION

### COMMUNITY PANTRY

**WHAT:** Assisting with registering community guests, unloading food rescue deliveries, packing produce bags for distribution, stocking shelves and refrigerators, helping the community guests through the pantry, helping community guests find more specific items, helping community guests carry their bags, etc.

**WHEN:** 9:00 AM-12:00 PM or 12:00-3:00 PM Monday, Wednesday, or Friday

**WHERE:** 725 Park Avenue in Bridgeport

### PRAYER TEAM

**WHAT:** During our pantry hours, pray for those who request prayer, interceding for those who don't request prayer, and interceding for our pantry to have an abundance for those in need of food.

**WHEN:** 9:30 AM-12:30 PM Monday, Wednesday, Friday

**WHERE:** 725 Park Avenue in Bridgeport



# MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE WITH BRIDGEPORT RESCUE MISSION

## MEAL SERVICE

**WHAT:** Support the success of meals being served to our residents and community guests. Tasks can include but not be limited to pre-meal preparation, serving food, sanitation measures, clearing tables, interacting with the community, and engaging with our community.

**WHEN:** Choose a shift! Meals are served every day of the week: Breakfast 8:00-10:00 AM, Lunch 11:00 AM-1:00 PM, Dinner 4:00-6:00 PM.

**WHERE:** 725 Park Avenue in Bridgeport

## FOOD PREP

**WHAT:** Directly assist the kitchen staff in preparing various food, cooking, cleaning tasks, and learning basic food safety procedures to ensure the kitchen remains efficient in creating and serving meals to our residents and guests.

**WHEN:** Choose a shift! Meal prep workers are needed every day of the week, 1:00-4:00 PM.

**WHERE:** 725 Park Avenue in Bridgeport



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# KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL



Kairos Prison Ministry  
International

**DESCRIPTION:** The mission of the Kairos Prison Ministry is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women, and youth and their families. The ministry has been operating in Connecticut since 1996. Over 2,000 Connecticut incarcerated men, women, and youth have heard the Good News. Their three programs include: Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside and Kairos Torch. The core of each program is the weekend retreat, held 2-3 times yearly either inside the prison with inmates or outside with relatives of the incarcerated. This is followed up by weekly and monthly visits to build a Christian community within the facilities.



## SERVE WITH KAIROS

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### MONTHLY MEETINGS

**WHAT:** Meeting with other volunteers to get to know the program until ministry in prisons is resumed (paused because of COVID-19).

**WHEN:** Third Saturday of every month at 8:00 AM

**WHERE:** Zoom or Covenant Church in Easton

### WEEKEND TRIPS

**WHAT:** 3.5 day weekend ministry trip with about 30 other Christians from other churches around the state to visit one of five prisons in the state.

**WHEN:** Once visits are allowed again, team preparation meetings will take place the six Saturday mornings prior to the weekend trip.

**WHERE:** Meetings will be held either on Zoom or Covenant Church in Easton, and the prison to be visited will be communicated in the meetings.

# HOMEBRIDGE VENTURES

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**DESCRIPTION:** HomeBridge Ventures provides comprehensive trauma-informed healing, job training and placement, and a supportive environment for formerly incarcerated residents.

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### SKILLED VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**WHAT:** Counseling; running groups in personal technology, substance abuse, parenting, legal support, spiritual development; mentorship; maintaining the facility by cleaning up, making coffee, and running errands; and shuttling members to appointments with partner service providers.

**WHEN:** Volunteer work can happen any time between 9:00 AM-6:00 PM Monday through Friday.

**WHERE:** One Lafayette Circle, Bridgeport



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