BLACK ROCK **CHURCH**

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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Community Engagement exists to 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.

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## SECOND SATURDAY SERVING

Every second Saturday of the month, we have a church-wide service project: We have all of the details covered. All you need to do is show up ready to serve! Sometimes we may be doing yard work and other times we may be hosting a party or painting a room, but it's always for our neighbors in need. All ages are welcome to join. We meet at the church at 9:00 AM and wrap up by 12:00 PM.

## FIFTH SUNDAY DONATIONS

On every fifth Sunday of the month, we'll be collecting an item in need in our community. We'll let you know what kind of item we are collecting. It may be diapers or toiletries or canned foods. You bring the item to church on your way to service. And we'll deliver to those nearby who need it most!

SCAN CODE TO STAY UP TO DATE ON ALL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES, INCLUDING THE ONES ABOVE

## READY FOR MORE?

Serve with a local partner!

# BRIDGEPORT RESCUE MISSION

DESCRIPTION: Bridgeport Rescue Mission demonstrates the love of God to hungry, homeless, and addicted people throughout coastal Connecticut, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They provide a place of hope and dignity, fighting poverty from the inside out. They offer education, biblical counseling, and case management.

**GREATEST NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS!**
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, praying over guests etc.
**WHEN:** 9:00 AM-12:00 PM or 12:00-3:00 PM Mon, Wed, or Fri
**WHERE:** Bridgeport
**COMMITMENT:** Flexible

## MEAL SERVICE

**WHAT**: Prepping food to help 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:** 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:** Bridgeport
**COMMITMENT:** Flexible

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## NEXT STEP AFTER SIGN UP

You will be automatically directed to the volunteer application.

# URBAN IMPACT

DESCRIPTION: Urban Impact programs serve at-risk youth, grades K-12, in the low-income PT Barnum public housing community of Bridgeport. Students are offered in-school and after-school activities to help them achieve academic success, develop positive character traits, and grow in a relationship with Christ.

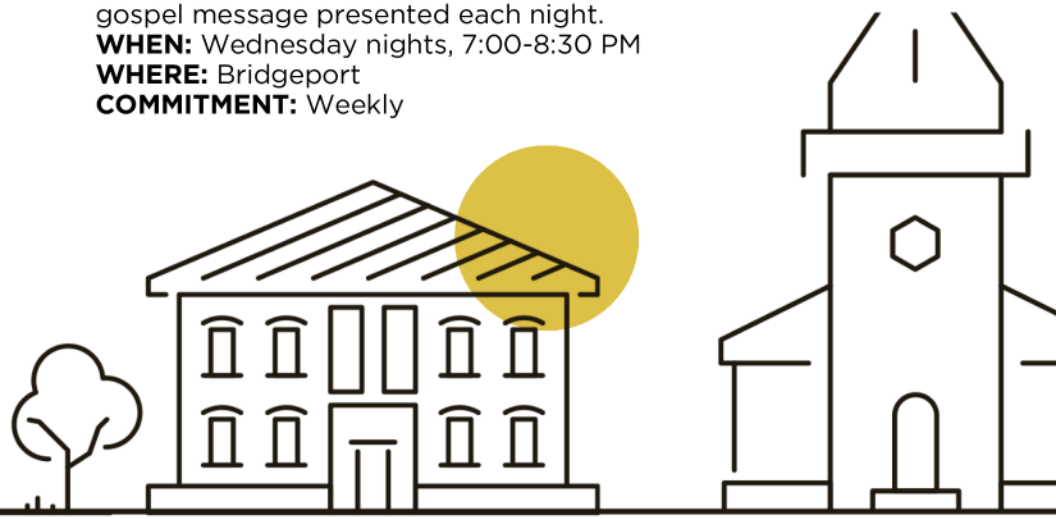
**GREATEST NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS!**
SERVE WITH URBAN IMPACT

## 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, 5:30-7:00 PM
**WHERE:** Bridgeport
**COMMITMENT:** Weekly

## HOOPS BASKETBALL MINISTRY

**WHAT**: HOOPs program is a basketball ministry taking place in the gym of Claytor School. Volunteers are expected to either help coach, facilitate games, or even play alongside students as they play short games against each other. This evangelistic ministry is primarily mentor bonding in relationship through sports and conversations on the sidelines with a 10 minute gospel message presented each night.
**WHEN:** Wednesday nights, 7:00-8:30 PM
**WHERE:** Bridgeport
**COMMITMENT:** Weekly



## 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:** Bridgeport
**COMMITMENT:** Weekly

## MEALS

**WHAT**: Urban Impact serves food to their students at each of their weeknight events. They need people to deliver hot meals (homemade or ordered) that will feed 35 people. Help once a year or once a week.
**WHEN:** Monday-Thursday, 6:00 PM
**WHERE:** Bridgeport
**COMMITMENT:** Flexible

## KIDPOWER

**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.
**WHERE:** Bridgeport
**COMMITMENT:** 90 min, Weekly

## REVOLUTION

**WHAT**: Mentor high school students every Tuesday night. At this program you will discuss Scripture, the joys and struggles of growing up, and provide guidance to students who are planning out their next steps after high school.
**WHEN:** Tuesday nights, 6:00-8:00 PM
**WHERE:** Bridgeport
**COMMITMENT:** Weekly

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## NEXT STEP AFTER SIGN UP

Urban Impact staff will reach out to schedule a time to shadow a program.

# HOPELINE PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

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DESCRIPTION: Hopeline is a Christ-centered, pro-life ministry offering compassionate, no-cost support to women and men navigating unplanned pregnancies or seeking healing from past hurts. Their mission is twofold: To remove obstacles to parenthood by providing emotional, spiritual, physical, and material care and to walk alongside those needing restoration after abortion, child loss, or sexual trauma.

SERVE WITH HOPELINE

## PATIENT AND OFFICE SUPPORT

**WHAT**: Greeting patients, answering phones, setting up appointments, and giving patients resource kits and helping with clerical work, data entry, fundraising support, and administrative operations. Generally, for in-office volunteers, women are preferred because of the nature of the ministry. Nursing volunteers, and Spanish or Portuguese speaking volunteers are in major need.
**WHEN:** 3-4 hour time slots Mon-Fri, between 9:00 AM-4:30 PM
**WHERE:** Bridgeport, Stamford, Danbury
**COMMITMENT:** Weekly

## RECOVERY MINISTRY

**WHAT**: Hopeline provides Biblical healing for women and men who have experienced abortion, child loss/miscarriage, or sexual trauma. Potential facilitators must complete an application, provide references, and be interviewed. Once accepted as a volunteer, free training and supplies are provided. Spanish and Portuguese-speaking volunteers are needed.
**WHEN:** 3-4 hour time slots Mon-Fri, between 9:00 AM-4:30 PM
**WHERE:** Bridgeport, Stamford, Danbury, virtual
**COMMITMENT:** Weekly

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## NEXT STEP AFTER SIGN UP

Hopeline staff will email you a volunteer application.

# PIVOT MINISTRIES

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DESCRIPTION: Pivot Ministries is a Bible-based, in-residence recovery program for men. The ministry, located in Bridgeport, treats drug and alcohol addiction as a spiritual problem and returns the men to their families usefully whole. Their wrap around services and 9-month program are low or no cost to their clients, making it accessible to as many men as possible.

SERVE WITH PIVOT

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## COOKING TEAM

**WHAT**: Join a team from Black Rockwho visits Pivot monthly to cook dinner and spend quality time with the residents.
**WHEN:** Thursdays from 3:00 PM-5:00 PM
**WHERE:** Bridgeport
**COMMITMENT:** Monthly

## SHARE A MEAL

**WHAT**: One of the best ways to support the residents of Pivot is simply to get to know them. The work of recovery is difficult. Having a friend to bring encouragement, levity, and prayer can make a big difference. Find a time to regularly visit Pivot and share a meal with the residents.
**WHEN:** Flexible
**WHERE:** Bridgeport
**COMMITMENT:** Flexible

## NEXT STEP AFTER SIGN UP

Pivot staff will reach out to set up a time to take a tour.

# OPERATION HOPE

DESCRIPTION: Operation Hope provides services to our neighbors in Fairfield who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. These services include providing clients with affordable housing, 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.

SERVE WITH OPERATION HOPE

## 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:** Fairfield
**COMMITMENT:** Flexible

## COMMUNITY KITCHEN MEAL DELIVERY

**WHAT**: Prepare lunch to serve 20 people including a main protein, a side, and a dessert.
**WHEN:** Delivered between 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM on a Monday
**WHERE:** Fairfield
**COMMITMENT:** Flexible

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## NEXT STEP AFTER SIGN UP

Operation Hope staff will contact you about choosing a date for delivery.

# PEHT PARTNERSHIP TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

DESCRIPTION: PEHT is a nonprofit organization that provides survivors of human trafficking a pathway toward healing and independence through community outreach, residential recovery, and economic development. PEHT walks alongside brave survivors providing wraparound recovery services, including 24 months of trauma informed residential care, where they can rest and heal as they forge their path toward genuine independance through secure housing, job training, and employment at The PEHT Shop.

SERVE WITH PEHT

## GENERAL SUPPORT

**WHAT**: PEHT has a lot of miscellaneous needs that pop up on an unpredictable basis. They are always looking to grow their list of flex volunteers that they can connect when various needs arise. Common tasks that are needed may include: helping a client move, supporting at the retail store, assisting at a pop-up event, helping at an event, etc.

**WHEN:** Anyday, times vary
**WHERE:** Bridgeport, Fairfield
**COMMITMENT:** As needed

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## NEXT STEP AFTER SIGN UP

PEHT staff will reach out as needs come up.

# HOMEBRIDGE VENTURES

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DESCRIPTION: HomeBridge Ventures seeks to break the cycle of recidivism through transformative relationships, trauma-responsive job training and placement, and a supportive community for justice-involved people that leads to the opportunity to heal and to obtain gainful employment.

SERVE WITH HOMEBRIDGE VENTURES

## BREAKFAST HOST

Every morning the Homebridge clients and staff gather together to start the day in unity, encouragement, and a reminder of their core values. They love to have guests join during this time! It's a great way to get to know the clients and programs. You can sign up to bring breakfast in the morning for clients and staff to enjoy before the huddle begins.

**WHEN:** Monday-Friday, 9:30-10:30 AM
**WHERE:** Bridgeport
**COMMITMENT:** Weekly

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## BASIC SKILLS COACH

**WHAT**: Work one-on-one or with small groups of HomeBridge clients in teaching basic computer skills. This could include topics like email etiquette, using Google Drive/MS Office, writing a resume, etc.
**WHEN:** Flexible, Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-6:00 PM
**WHERE:** Bridgeport
**COMMITMENT:** Weekly

## NEXT STEP AFTER SIGN UP

Homebridge staff will reach out to set up a time to take a tour.

# FOSTER CARE TEAM

DESCRIPTION: This is a Black Rock Church team that provides foster families in our church and community with support and mobilizes our congregation to engage in caring for foster children in our state.

JOIN THE TEAM

**WHAT**: Come alongside foster families in our church to support them while they are caring for kids in need. Tasks will vary in scope and timing to meet the individual needs of each family. They can range from purchasing last-minute supplies when a family receives a new placement, to providing childcare at the church so parents can have a date night.
**WHEN:** Varies, typically weekends and evenings
**WHERE:** Varies

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# DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM

DESCRIPTION: This is a Black Rock Church team that is ready to mobilize volunteers when a natural disaster strikes our state.

JOIN THE TEAM

**WHAT**: Volunteers on this team will inform us in advance about skills and supplies they can lend in times of need. This team will activate when a major natural disaster effects us locally.
**WHEN:** Varies
**WHERE:** Southwest Connecticut

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