



## Summer of Service 2017

Service is Central! Central puts together a variety of service opportunities and ways to connect and learn more about our mission partners every summer. Members and friends of Central are invited to engage in these opportunities! From an inter-generational domestic mission trip to Alamosa to cookie baking gatherings to a skills camp in a refugee community, there are ways for children, youth and adults to serve and connect all summer. Read about all the service opportunities and the contact person for each one here. For general Summer of Service questions, contact Stephanie Fritz [stephanie@centraldenver.com](mailto:stephanie@centraldenver.com).

### DESCRIPTIONS OF SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**Making Choices Prayer Partners:** MC partners women incarcerated in Denver Women's Correctional Facility with mentors who lead them through a 12-week course in decision making skills. Participation in this course reduces the recidivism rate from 54% to 8%. If you would like to be paired with an incarcerated woman and her mentor, so you can pray for them during the summer, contact Jo Culbertson at [joculbertson@gmail.com](mailto:joculbertson@gmail.com).

**Dinner for Homeless Women:** Capitol Heights Presbyterian Church provides 25 homeless women with a hot meal and a warm, safe place to spend the night. If you're interested in helping prepare and serve the meal on June 7, please contact Teresa Crane at [tcrane10@gmail.com](mailto:tcrane10@gmail.com). Or, to help with the meal on August 2, contact Betsy Clark at [eaclark422@gmail.com](mailto:eaclark422@gmail.com). All ages are welcome to participate.

**New Genesis BBQs:** Join us for a grill-out with the men from New Genesis shelter. Volunteers will help with set-up, grilling, serving and clean-up. All ages are welcome to participate, and participants are encouraged to eat with the men. If you are willing to assist with the meal on June 28 please contact Beth Groff at [bethgroff@yahoo.com](mailto:bethgroff@yahoo.com). If you want to help on August 23, contact Joyce Coville at [fjcoville@msn.com](mailto:fjcoville@msn.com).

**Central Visitation Program (CVP) Toy Cleaning & Purging:** CVP provides supervised visitation that allows non-custodial parents to visit their children. Since the staff spends their time interacting with the families, they could use our help cleaning toys and removing excess toys. Volunteers of all ages are invited to this event after church on August 13. Please contact Janis Mourer at [jdmrnc@gmail.com](mailto:jdmrnc@gmail.com) to sign up.

**Central Visitation Program (CVP) Scan and Shred-Fest:** One of CVP's goals this year is to scan records in order to store them electronically. Then, after the scanning takes place, their paper files can be shredded. You will have the opportunity to help with scanning or delivering boxes to shred. To volunteer (adults only), please contact Janis Mourer at [jdmrnc@gmail.com](mailto:jdmrnc@gmail.com).

**Domestic Mission Trip:** On July 8-12th, we will embark on an intergenerational partnership with La Puente, an organization serving Colorado's San Luis Valley homeless and community members in crisis. Activities will include working with PALS (Positive Activities Lead to Success) children's program for at-risk youth, gardening projects, clean-up activities and educational activities. There will be several different housing options, from individual to group formats. For more information contact Gina Batali-Brooks at [gina.batalibrooks@gmail.com](mailto:gina.batalibrooks@gmail.com).

**Hope in Our City (HIOC) Kids' Skills Workshop:** Located at Fairview Elementary school in Sun Valley, the poorest neighborhood in Denver. HIOC ministers to refugees who have permanently relocated to Denver. During the Skills Workshop, you will help kids learn practical and fun skills for their age group. Focus on cooking skills for K-2nd grade and shape and color recognition with preschoolers. To volunteer, contact Stephanie Fritz at [stephanie@centraldenver.com](mailto:stephanie@centraldenver.com).

**Christmas In July:** This is an opportunity for us all to be proactive in our planning for the holidays. What? Presbyterians being proactive!?! During the month of July, Central will have the opportunity to bring items that are often collected during the month of December. Want to help with decorations or the collection of items, contact Stephanie Fritz at [stephanie@centraldenver.com](mailto:stephanie@centraldenver.com).

**Habitat for Humanity Build:** Worldwide, Habitat completes a home every 7 minutes and is the most energy-efficient home builder in Colorado. In partnership with other Presbyterian Churches, Central has helped build 19 homes over the last 19 years. To participate in a build on June 24 or August 19, contact Joyce Coville at [fjcoville@msn.com](mailto:fjcoville@msn.com). Also, let Joyce know if you are interested in participating in a golf tournament fundraiser

**CUBA Awareness & Relationship:** As Central begins its efforts to partner with a sister congregation in Cuba, join us on July 30 and August 6 to discuss Cuba and our role in this forming relationship. Also, contact Steven Erhart at [stevererhart@gmail.com](mailto:stevererhart@gmail.com) to join the monthly meetings that will occur throughout the Spring and Summer months.

**Rainbow Alley (RA) Cookies:** RA provides a safe, welcoming drop-in center for LGBTQ youth. As a way to support the youth at RA, Central members occasionally deliver homemade cookies for the youth to enjoy. To sign up to make or deliver cookies during the summer months, contact Gina Batali-Brooks at [gina.batalibrooks@gmail.com](mailto:gina.batalibrooks@gmail.com).

**Metro Caring (MCR) Shop to End Hunger:** MCR is the largest Denver food bank serving families with nutritious food, 72% of which is fresh. We are kicking off two "Shop to End Hunger" Saturdays this year to ensure their shelves remain stocked. Volunteers will hand out flyers at two groceries as shoppers enter the store with ideas for donations and will collect them as shoppers leave. For a 2-person, 2 hour shift from 10-4pm on June 10 or August 12 (Youth), please contact Teresa Crane at [tcrane10@gmail.com](mailto:tcrane10@gmail.com).

*We challenge you to participate in two service activities between Memorial Day and Labor Day*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 28	29	30	31	June 1 CVP - File Scan, 1p-3p	2	3 CVP -,File Scan, TBD
4 Pentecost Offering Metro Caring Collection	5	6	7 Women's Dinner	8	9	10 Metro Caring Shop to End Hunger – Adult 10a-4p
11	12	13	14 Cookie Baking Party 10a-12p @Central for RA	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Habitat Build
25	26	27	28 New Genesis BBQ	29 Christmas in July Decorating 3:30p-5:30p	30	July 1
2 Metro Caring Collection Christmas in July, 9a-12p	3	4	5	6	7	8 Domestic Mission Trip
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16 Christmas in July, 9a-12p	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Christmas in July, 9a-12p	24 HIOC Camp 12:00p-2:30p	25 HIOC Camp 12:00p-2:30p	26 HIOC Camp 12:00p-2:30p	27 HIOC Camp 12:00p-2:30p	28 HIOC Camp 3:30p-5p	29
30 CUBA - Adult Ed, 9a-10:15 Christmas in July, 9a-12p	31	August 1	2 Women's Dinner	3	4	5
6 Metro Caring Collection CUBA - Adult Ed, 9a-10:15	7	8	9 Cookie Baking Party @Central for RA 6p-8p	10	11	12 Metro Caring Shop to End Hunger – Youth 10a-4p
13 CVP Toy Purge & Clean, 12p-3p	14	15	16	17	18	19 Habitat Build
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27	28	29	30	31	September 1	2

*And, during your summer travels, we encourage you collect hotel toiletries and donate them in the bin in the narthex, so they can be given to New Genesis residents.*