



The Hope Initiative consists of two major components. The first, with which Navigators will play an integral role, is grass roots. Over the coming weeks, each Navigator will discuss with their group where they see needs within their circle of influence. You will decide which specific need you and your group feel inspired and gifted to help with. Use a broad, inclusive brush to help spiritually develop your group's sight for needs directly around you. It could be helping a neighbor, co-worker, or fellow parent on the ballfield. It might be serving with a local non-profit partner or encouraging local first responders or educators. God has positioned each of us with abilities and the proximity to impact people around us.

Once your group decides we would like you to register your project and group members on The Hope Initiative webpage to be published by August 1st. As Navigators we would like you to submit your project and register as the project lead or designate the person best suited to do so within your group. If your project is large and you need additional volunteers, please annotate the number needed. The expectation is that as a group, you are resourcing the supplies and equipment needed to complete your project. If the project funding is just beyond your reach, there may be some funds from CCCC to supplement your efforts.

The second major movement of The Hope Initiative is to have a few larger projects designated at each campus to serve our strategic non-profit partners and our local schools. Campus Pastors will designate leads for each of these projects. We will announce The Hope Initiative in late August to the congregation with these projects specified to offer opportunities to those not in group or for groups struggling to come up with their own project.

We are planning to all wear A People of Hope t-shirts and arranging the logistics to get them to those participating and registered for the event.

The morning of the event, Sunday 10/27, at 9 a.m. we will gather at each of our campuses. Breakfast and coffee will be available. We will share some final logistics information and send you out to cast hope. You are on your own for lunch if your project is expected to take more than a few hours.

Any questions? Email smccormack@clearcreek.org

Frequently Asked Questions

When is it?

Sunday, October 27

Is it after church?

No, instead of church! We will meet for a breakfast snack, instructions, prayer and disperse into the community!

What are the projects?

The primary way the serving opportunities are organized is through small groups. Our prayer is that your group will take individual ownership of a need around you and serve together to meet that need.

How should we pick a project?

Hopefully, you and your small group already are committed to living missionally, so you are aware of what goes on in your neighborhoods and of needs that exist there. You already are fostering relationships wherever you go to buy groceries or gasoline, to drop your cleaning, mail letters or walk your dog! Ideally, that is where you find your "project."

Our families are so busy! We see needs but are not sure how to approach them. Do you have any ideas?

- Offer to help elderly neighbors or widows by doing yardwork or small repairs.
- Make a meal or several meals for a foster family.
- Set up a lemonade stand, pull up the lawn chairs and meet and engage the people who stop.
- Is there someone that's homebound within your circle of acquaintances? Schedule time that morning to take an appropriate meal, flowers and stay for conversation!
- Make a meal or sweet treats for your local police or fire departments.
- Put together homeless care kits to keep in your car for handout or Samaritan's Purse boxes.
- Host a Block Party and meet your neighbors. Watch a movie in the front yard or play games.

What about Go Local Partners? Can we serve with them?

Yes! You can find a list a list of Go Local Partners at www.clearcreek.org/golocal. There are websites, phone numbers and suggestions for serving with each.

I know people who are not in small group. How will they get connected to a project?

- They can serve with you if there is room in your project.
- Each campus will have at least one large school partner project and one large Go Local Partner project.

How will someone register for any of these projects?

There will be a dedicated webpage! Navigators will submit their projects and register their groups. If your project just needs nine (the number in your group), list that. If you need fifteen, list that. Then others at your campus can register for your project too! Navigators will be project leaders.

That will also be the place for people to register for the big school and Go Local Partner projects.

Our small group has a lot of young families. We would like to serve with our kids. Any ideas?

Yes, we do! Please see the "Family Serving Ideas" document located under resources at www.clearcreek.org/serve-local. It will help to jumpstart your small group discussion.