

# Generosity Starts Here

Here are the top causes our clients rally around along with some out-of-the-box project ideas for inspiration. If you're a client with membership, apply to lead a volunteer team in a fundraiser, service activity or educational event—what you do is up to you. We'll provide the tools and resources. You gather friends, family and neighbors to bring it all to life.

## Explore your passion

## Take action

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|  <p><b>Comforting kids</b></p>          | <p>Together with your team, cut and tie snugly fleece blankets for patients in a children's hospital.<br/> <b>Seed money:</b> Buy materials for the blankets and activity books for the kids.</p>  |
|  <p><b>Helping the homeless</b></p>     | <p>Host a community-wide "sleep out" for one night to raise awareness for homelessness and collect donations for a local shelter.<br/> <b>Seed money:</b> Promote your event in a local newspaper or a school program book.</p>                  |
|  <p><b>Creating crafts</b></p>         | <p>Gather a group of people to make crafts, featuring words of encouragement, and surprise neighbors or nursing home residents with a little pick-me-up.<br/> <b>Seed money:</b> Buy blank card stock, permanent markers and other supplies.</p> |
|  <p><b>Teaching others</b></p>        | <p>Hold a workshop for parents to learn how to teach their kids about sharing, saving and spending.<br/> <b>Seed money:</b> Buy mini calculators for participants to take home.</p>  |
|  <p><b>Serving at your church</b></p> | <p>Help put together a summer community barbecue or Vacation Bible School with your church.<br/> <b>Seed money:</b> Purchase food for meals or supplies for outdoor kids' games.</p>   |
|  <p><b>Improving your school</b></p>  | <p>Launch an after-school snack program for kids who might go to bed hungry. Have other parents help distribute snacks in bags with inspirational messages.<br/> <b>Seed money:</b> Buy bags and snacks the school can send home with kids.</p>  |

## Share your story and success

The Thrivent Action Teams Hub makes it easy to share your impact story. This digital platform will equip you with tools to promote your project and celebrate the change you are making in your community. After applying for your project, watch your email inbox for an invitation to create a personalized project page, which lets you invite friends and family, share on social media or email, and post stories and photos from your project directly on the site for others to see and be inspired. Visit [thrivent.com/actionteamshub](http://thrivent.com/actionteamshub) to see how others are making a difference.

## Three simple steps to help you create your next Thrivent Action Team project.

### Step 1 Find your passion

Make a list of needs in your community. What needs are going unmet? What causes and organizations can you support? What are you passionate about improving in your community?

Now that you've brainstormed, select one need to focus on. Are there organizations you can partner with to make a bigger impact?

### Step 2 Pick your project type

Now, let's get into the details. Once you've thought through these questions, you're on your way to making a difference in your community.

How would you describe your project to others?

How you will use the seed money from Thrivent Action Teams to kick-start your project?

How many volunteers will you have and how will they be involved?

Will you work with a community organization (e.g., church, non-profit, school, etc.) to make this project happen?

### Step 3 Take action

Go to [thrivent.com/actionteam](https://thrivent.com/actionteam) and apply for a Thrivent Action Team today. It only takes a few minutes. Once your application has been received, you'll receive an email letting you know if your project has been approved. Don't forget to keep this sheet handy while you complete your application. By taking action now, you can make an immediate and positive change in your community and inspire generosity in others.

