



# OPERATION IMPACT

*“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”*

***Matthew 5:16***

## INTRODUCTION

Do you want to impact our city? One way to do that is to plug into existing ministries and to serve regularly. Doing so supports local organizations, mends broken lives, and enriches your own soul. This is especially true when you serve alongside brothers and sisters from church. Collective effort can make a big impact!

Operation Impact is a call for you to mobilize your connect group to take action, to serve outside the walls of the church, to minister to people in need, many of whom do not know our Lord. It is not complicated; it simply requires a little effort.

**Research Service Opportunities.** A great first step is to read about service opportunities. This is a good starting place. It contains information about organizations/ministries through which you and your connect group can serve. All of those listed here have avenues for service despite COVID-19 restrictions.

**Mobilize Your Connect Group.** A practical way to mobilize your group is to introduce the ministry 4-6 weeks ahead of time. Describe the service opportunity, and let the group choose between two dates of service. Each week thereafter, remind the connect group about the service project and pass around a sign up sheet.

As your group ministers to others, they will positively impact people, but that is not all. They will also be changed by the Spirit of God.

# IMPACT OPPORTUNITIES

Below you will find opportunities where you can meet needs and serve people. If you do not find what you are looking for, visit [www.405center.org](http://www.405center.org) to discover more outlets for community service.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### ANNA'S HOUSE FOUNDATION (*family friendly*)

**Brief Description.** Anna's House Foundation (AHF) is a faith-based organization whose mission is to provide loving homes for Oklahoma County's children in state custody. AHF desires to offer a future of hope and faith to foster children and foster families by providing housing, support, training, and resources in a Christian community setting.

Through AHF, you can provide childcare while parents receive training, support, and prayer! Parents meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6-8pm at QSBC. Dinner is provided, and your own children are welcome to join! Parents Night Out are quarterly on Friday nights from 6-9pm. Another way to serve is to make a meal for a family or donate a gift card for restaurants like Chick-fil-A.

**Contact Information.** To find out more, contact Britley Little at [britley@annashousefoundation.org](mailto:britley@annashousefoundation.org) or 405-301-5578.

### OKLAHOMA BAPTIST HOMES FOR CHILDREN (*family friendly*)

**Brief Description.** Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children (OBHC) ministers to underprivileged children by providing them homes, families, and the Gospel. In our COVID world, there are opportunities to volunteer for outdoor activities like landscaping, painting, and repairs. Volunteers can also bring food donations.

**Contact Information.** To find out more, contact Jim Stewart at 405-691-7781(o), 405-620-0475 (c), or [jim.stewart@obhc.org](mailto:jim.stewart@obhc.org).

### **UPWARD SPORTS OUTREACH (*family friendly*)**

**Brief Description.** Upward Sports introduces families in the community to QSBC through basketball, cheerleading, and flag football for kids in K-12<sup>th</sup> grades. It also provides sports instruction and Biblical teaching for kids. The ministry has volunteer opportunities for people to be a coach, assistant coach, referee, game day host, practice night host, game day devotion leader, and player evaluations monitor. This is also a unique opportunity to meet unchurched families in our area.

**Contact Information.** To find out more, contact Van Greenwood at 405-752-2965 or [vgreenwood@qsb.org](mailto:vgreenwood@qsb.org).

## **EDMOND MINISTRY**

### **EDMOND MOBILE MEALS (*family friendly*)**

**Brief Description.** Meal delivery volunteers use their own cars and gas to take hot meals to homebound individuals in the community. Delivery generally takes about 1½ hours. Volunteers can deliver as often as their schedules allow. Valid driver's license and auto insurance are required

**Contact Information.** To find out more, call 405.341.3111, visit [edmondmobilemeals.org/volunteer](http://edmondmobilemeals.org/volunteer), or email [info@edmondmobilemeals.org](mailto:info@edmondmobilemeals.org).

## INNER CITY MINISTRIES

### FAITHWORKS OF THE INNER CITY (*family friendly*)

**Brief Description.** FaithWorks of the Inner City is a nonprofit ministry designed to meet the educational, spiritual, and physical needs of inner city children and their families. This ministry partners with neighborhood schools and communities to establish after school tutoring programs, adult education programs, and Bible clubs. FaithWorks of the Inner City also provides for physical needs, such as food, clothing, shelter, utilities, and medical care.

At present FaithWorks is receiving donations of children's socks and underwear. Classes can collect and deliver these to the ministry.

**Contact Information.** To find out more, email Sally Goin at [faithworks\\_innercity@cox.net](mailto:faithworks_innercity@cox.net) or call 405-826-1911.

### HOMELESS ALLIANCE DAY SHELTER

**Brief Description.** The Homeless Alliance works to end long-term homelessness in Oklahoma City. Though the pandemic has limited service opportunities, the shelter welcomes donations that help pay for lunches, bus passes, utilities, and rent. You can give through two weblinks: [Home Alliance](#) and [Amazon](#).

**Contact Information.** To find out more, email the volunteer coordinator [khaywood@homelessalliance.org](mailto:khaywood@homelessalliance.org) or call 405-415-8410.

### MISSION OKC (*family friendly*)

**Brief Description.** Mission OKC reaches out to children, youth, and adults living in low-income communities across the city. At present the ministry needs volunteers for Tuesday–Thursday classes from 4:30-6:30 pm. They meet at Britton Baptist Church.

**Contact Information.** To find out more, call Chad Clement at 405-694-8381 or email [missionOKC@outlook.com](mailto:missionOKC@outlook.com).

### **RESTORE OKC (*family friendly*)**

**Brief Description.** RestoreOKC is relationship-based, community-driven, development-focused non-profit that serves the physical, social, emotional, educational, and economic needs of people in Northeast OKC.

Every second Saturday, RestoreOKC has community work projects that use people of all ages and skill levels.

**Contact Information.** To find out more, call 405-254-0922 or visit [www.restoreokc.org](http://www.restoreokc.org).

## **INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES**

### **ENGLISH FOR INTERNATIONALS**

**Brief Description.** At QSBC we help internationals learn and practice English on Wednesday evenings from 6–7:30 pm. This is a great relational ministry that meets a felt need and points people to Jesus.

**Contact Information.** To find out more, contact Niccole Hall at [niccoleshall@fastmail.fm](mailto:niccoleshall@fastmail.fm).

### **SPERO PROJECT**

**Brief Description.** The Spero Project is an Oklahoma City non-profit organization that welcomes resettled refugees by connecting them to people, resources, and learning opportunities that make Oklahoma City a place of belonging.

At present the ministry's biggest need is for new volunteers to tutor school-aged kids through Digital Tutoring.

**Contact Information.** To find out more, contact Bethany Meraz at [bethany@thespiroproject.com](mailto:bethany@thespiroproject.com) or 405-312-6705.

### **UCO INTERNATIONALS (*family friendly*)**

**Brief Description.** The University of Central Oklahoma has a large population of international students who are anxious to spend time with Americans. As such, the school oversees the Community Responding to International Student Program (CRISP). CRISP pairs families with international students and asks them to spend time together once a month. This is a wonderful opportunity to show love to students who are away from home and to gently point them to the Savior.

**Contact Information.** To find out more, contact Aleecia Delozier at [uco.internationalactivities@gmail.com](mailto:uco.internationalactivities@gmail.com), or call 405-974-5577.

## **YOUNG PARENTS' MINISTRIES**

### **HOPE PREGNANCY CENTERS**

**Brief Description.** Hope Pregnancy Centers minister to women and men who need love, support, and direction. The center provides counseling for pregnant mothers, guidance for expectant fathers, and parenting training for both.

**Contact Information.** To find out more, contact Lyn Smith at [lyn.smith@obhc.org](mailto:lyn.smith@obhc.org) or Ginger Adams at 405-755-5433.

