

The mission team at Common Ground Midtown is exploring ways to expand the practical efforts of our <u>Faith Beyond Four Walls</u> (FBFW) initiative. Do you or one of your neighbors have a tangible need that is beyond your physical or financial ability to meet? We want to hear from you.

FBFW will organize two summer service days (June 8th & August date TBD) to meet as many of these needs as possible, or else we will work with missional partners to connect those projects to Indianapolis organizations better equipped to carry them out.

Who Can Ask For Help:

- Any regular attendee of Common Ground Midtown facing a circumstance beyond their control and ability to physically or financially meet the need independently. Or, anyone who could simply use a helping hand with a big or technical project.
- Neighbors of Common Ground Midtown attendees. Is there a close neighbor to your personal home or the church building with a need? You can request help on behalf of that neighbor with their permission and with your partnership.
- Any neighbors or mission partners in the greater Common Ground Midtown neighborhood who seek help by contacting the church.

What Kinds of Projects Can I Request?

- Serving together if you already work at or volunteer with a local nonprofit, you can request a group to join you in your passion with a specific volunteer opportunity.
- Minor home maintenance handrail repair, minor interior and exterior painting, and any other small handyman kind of repairs.
- Yard work mowing, weeding, trimming bushes, leaf cleanup, etc.
- Technical home repairs larger painting projects, small gutter repairs, fence repairs things requiring some technical skill or larger amounts of time to fix.
- Helping hands sorting belongings, cleaning, or any things that you can lead with assistance.

Practical Elements:

• No help is guaranteed. We cannot meet needs we don't know about, and the first step is to ask for help. We'll evaluate the project and be clear about what is possible and what is not.

- There is no funding available for projects. Homeowners need to be able to supply any resources required to complete the project, OR the volunteer team must assume the financial responsibility of the project in partnership with the homeowner.
- The bigger the project, the less likely we'll be able to help. Due to financial constraints and volunteer availability, bigger projects will be a challenge. However, we'll still consider bigger projects, so please ask.
- We ask the homeowner to be as engaged in the project as much as possible given the circumstances involved in seeking assistance.
- We aim to leave all projects better than we found them and get to completion. If that's not possible, the project leaders will formulate a plan accordingly with your help.

Fill out this form and we'll be in touch to explore ways we can support you.

Common Ground Midtown

Our **mission** is to call people of all ages to be formed in the image of Jesus, so we can love our neighbors in Indianapolis and around the world. Our messages, events, ministries, and outreach are all in support of our **vision** to join God in the reconciliation of all things with the sacrificial love of Jesus.

Faith Beyond for Walls and these projects are <u>formation opportunities</u> and tangible ways we can come alongside our neighbors and love them.

CG Midtown's way of approaching "missional" work:

- To be humble and open-handed
- We care more about relationships than we do projects
 - Get to know who you're serving and with whom you're serving
 - We all have different gifts lean into them some are driven to execute and others are driven to connect. There is space for both.
- We take our neighbors' lead. We come to learn from and work alongside them, not to solve their problems or tell them what to do.

Our hope for this time is that we deepen relationships with God, one another, and our neighbors (both people and organizations).