

For Prescott Ongoing Opportunities

Updated July 2022

Each October, Cornerstone Church sets aside a month to serve our community through For Prescott Month. After October, though, opportunities remain to serve in these same settings in an ongoing manner.

The following list of opportunities was updated in July 2022.

In regard to any of the opportunities listed below, you may contact Mark Shelley from Cornerstone (nmshelley52@gmail.com, or call/text 602-549-2109), or the contact person listed under each item.

Prescott Area Shelter Services

This shelter serves women and families, providing temporary lodging and meals as they get back on their feet. They are asking for volunteers to bring evening meals to the shelter. As of the last report, there are still openings on Tuesday, June 28 and Wednesday, June 29. An accurate count can be given. Mark can provide information about what kind of meals are common.

There will be openings in July as well. Contact Katee Norris, Director of Programs at k.norris@prescottshelters.org, or call her at 509-280-7450.

Agape House

Agape House provides transitional housing (6-9 months) for families facing difficulties. There are a number of opportunities for service.

- Occasional work parties of 12-15 volunteers to do work around the facilities.
- Caring for a family during their time of transition, from beginning to end. This might include such things as providing a care package at move in day, meals, or providing reward initiatives for attending class, working, and saving money. More details are available.
- Groups to provide meals for their life skills classes.
- Watching the smaller children while families are in class. One to 2 hours every other week, for 7 weeks.
- Providing cooking and cleaning tips for residents.
- And more!

Contact Mark at Cornerstone, or Lanae Bengston, Volunteer Coordinator for Agape House, volunteer.agapeprescott@gmail.com.

Discovery Gardens Preschool (Prescott Unified School District)

Discovery Gardens serves up to 250 students ages 2-5, some with special needs, some low income families and some working families that pay for preschool. They have a staff of almost 30 teachers, speech pathologists, occupational and physical therapists. They do not have a PTO (Parent Teacher Association) like the other schools, so they don't always get the kind of adult support they need for their program.

Currently the preschool is in need of small repairs to tricycles, bikes, tables, chairs and other outside play areas. Contact Mark, or communicate directly with Stacy Williams, Director, at stacy.williams@prescottschools.com, or call her at (928)442-1283, Extension 79143.

Coalition for Compassion and Justice (CCJ)

CCJ provides overnight lodging to a limited number of homeless persons in Prescott. Cornerstone has a very dedicated team, lead by Pat Biel, which provides a hot meal one night a month for about a dozen people. CCJ would like others to provide meals, committing to one day a month (e.g., the first Monday of every month). For details, contact Mark, Pat Bleil (bleilpat@gmail.com), or CCJ directly ((928) 445-8382).

Cycling Without Age

A community service to Seniors and those who are homebound, giving them an opportunity to get out into God's creation and experience "the right to wind in their hair." Looking for "pilots"—people interested in pedaling the electric-assisted "Triobike" on rides on the Peavine Trail, Yavapai College/VA/ Frontier Village, Granite Creek Park and other locations. Training (and a cool t-shirt) is provided. Contact Mark Shelley at mark@cyclingwithoutage.com, or call/text 602-549-2109 for more information.

Yavapai College Food Pantry

Non-perishable food donations are requested for the YC Food Pantry to assist students with critical food needs. Contact Deborah Chambers (Deborah.Chambers@yc.edu) at Yavapai College for details, or contact Mark Shelley (nms Shelley52@gmail.com) for additional information.