

Community Service Tour

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Explore the social service organizations in your community to help your family see a different side of your area. After touring, choose an organization to volunteer for once or monthly.

For

Teen Family

Season

Fall

Needed

List of social service organizations in your area, copies of Community Service Tour worksheet (at least one per person depending on how many agencies you are visiting)

Prepare in Advance

- Contact your city to get a list of social service agencies, or search online
- Invite each family member to choose one social service organization that they would like to learn about
- Call social service agencies to set up tours (try to arrange all on one day)
- Bring Community Service Tour worksheets

Activity Plan

1. Say this prayer aloud before leaving for the tour.

God, open our hearts and our minds as we learn more about the services and needs of people and organizations in our area. Dispel any preconceived judgments or expectations. Help us to be present to each other. We thank you for this opportunity to grow together as a family and as community members. Amen.

2. After returning, use these questions to share about your experiences:
 - What was the most surprising thing you learned today?
 - In what ways do you understand the needs of your community better?
 - What was the most challenging thing you learned today?
 - How can you promote awareness of these organizations and the people they are serving?
 - Which organization would you like to serve?
3. Close with this prayer.

God, we thank you for this day spent together learning about the needs of our community. Bless all the people we met as they work to help those who suffer most in our area. Help us to spread the knowledge that we have acquired to make our community a more loving place. Amen.

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- What are their biggest challenges?
- Do they receive a lot of community support?
- How do they get funding?
- What are their biggest needs?
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