

CELEBRATE SERVICE DAY 2009

Participating Organizations

Amigo Centre/Mirror Valley Retreat

Amigo Centre is a retreat and recreation center for members of Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference congregations, their friends and the wider community. Amigo provides a unique environment where we gather to listen and share, study and reflect, play and recreate, pray and worship, enjoy creation, and experience God's presence. See www.amigocentre.org for more.

Possible service tasks: Outdoor grounds work, cutting brush, spreading wood chips, etc.

Boys & Girls Club of Middlebury

In every community, boys and girls are left to find their own recreation and companionship in the streets. An increasing number of children are at home with no adult care or supervision. Young people need to know that someone cares about them. Boys & Girls Clubs offer that and more. Club programs and services promote and enhance the development of boys and girls by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence. See www.bgca.org for more.

Possible service tasks: Creating posters and fliers, assisting staff when members arrive with check-in, snacks, games, tutoring.

Camp Friedenswald

Camp Friedenswald seeks to provide people of all ages the opportunity to gain a better understanding and love for God and Christ, self, others, and nature. See www.friedenswald.org for more.

Possible service tasks: maintenance tasks.

East Lake Nursing and Rehab Center

Possible service tasks: cleaning, yard work, one on one time with patients, special activity with residents, painting.

Elkhart County Parks: Cobus Creek County Park

Experience the wind through the trees, the sounds of rushing water, a hike on a woodland trail. Much of the Elkhart County Park and Recreation Department systems has been left in a natural state. Our 1500 acres provides plenty of room for picnicking, hiking, fishing or just experiencing the wonder of nature. No matter what your favorite outdoor activity may be, Elkhart County Parks offer something for everyone. See www.elkhartcountyparks.org for more.

Possible service tasks: Planting of native and landscape plants in sensory garden, moving rocks.

Elkhart County Parks: River Preserve County Park

See above for description.

Service tasks are yet to be defined.

Elkhart County Parks: Ox Bow Park

Possible service tasks: Outside work, maintenance, trimming, etc.

Elkhart County Parks: Bonneyville Mill Park

Possible service tasks: outside maintenance work.

Goshen College Physical Plant

You know what this is!

Possible service tasks: general maintenance work around campus.

Goshen Parks and Recreation

Possible Tasks: Likely working in the woods, removing invasive species. Long pants and bug spray!

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity of Elkhart County is a non-profit organization working in partnership with God and people everywhere, from all walks of life to build decent, affordable housing with God's people in need. See www.habitatec.com for more.

Possible service tasks: Construction activities in Middlebury/Goshen Apostle Build. Primarily working on the interior.

Kids Care

Since 1990, Kids Care Clubs has empowered children to make a better world through hands-on service projects. We give moms, teachers and youth leaders the resources they need to involve kids in the good works that will mean a brighter future for all. See www.kidscare.org for more.

Possible service tasks: grounds work, mulching, mowing, trimming, and cleaning of windows.

MDC: Goldenrod Community

MDC Goldenrod is a faith-based ministry to people with developmental disabilities. The original name was Mennonite Disabilities Committee or MDC for short. The name was changed to MDC Goldenrod because we serve individuals regardless of whether they have an Anabaptist/Mennonite background or not.

The heart of MDC Goldenrod's ministry is to improve the quality of life to the individuals we serve. This occurs through various activities for the individual or as part of a group. Caregiving staff provide support and supervision as needed. Some individuals live year round in one of our homes, while others receive support through respite care or day services. We have a green house that offers work/activity in growing and selling plants. In addition we work closely with area congregations to encourage spiritual growth and integrate our clients as fully as possible into community life. See www.goldenrodonline.org for more.

Possible service tasks: Outdoor grounds work, cleaning, crafts with clients.

Merry Lea Learning Center (Goshen College)

Merry Lea is a natural sanctuary located near Wolf Lake, Indiana. Management of the center is guided by a Christian theology of earthkeeping. Most of the [habitats](#) found in northeastern Indiana are present on Merry Lea. Unique geological features such as peat bogs, a marl pit, and glacial gravel formations are present. Observable [management practices](#) include, wetland, prairie, and savanna restorations, and [sustainable agriculture](#). A vigorous educational program interprets the significant biological and geological features.

Parkside Elementary School

Possible service tasks: Helping out in classes, reading to kids, cleaning in the library.

The Post

The Post was started in 2001 out of a desire to see kids who were not connected within the social circles of the community get connected to a ministry that cared about them. Through research, it was evident the Goshen community had a segment of kids who were not involved in after-school programs, extra-curricular activities at school, or involved in a local church or youth group. The mission of The Post is simple- To engage this group of kids by using their culture to connect them with our staff and volunteers who are able to speak truth into their lives. See www.the-post.org for more.

Possible service tasks: cleaning, painting, landscaping....

REAL Services (Resources for Enriching Adult Living)

Real Services has the responsibility of planning, developing, implementing and administering a network of services that are of high standards, are known, available and used by older adults and low income households in north central Indiana (Elkhart, Fulton (low-income only), Kosciusko, LaPorte, Marshall and St. Joseph Counties), based on their age and/or economic status.

The ultimate objective of REAL Services is to assist in establishing a community in which those we serve can maintain their independence to the maximum degree possible and find meaning and satisfaction throughout their lives.

Possible service tasks: Light housekeeping and yard work.

Ryan's Place, Inc.

Ryan's Place is a wonderful organization offering hope and healing for all who grieve. It is our sincere ambition to assist you or your loved ones as you move through the process of healing. See www.ryans-place.org for more.

Possible tasks: notebook compilation, organizing, other.

Waterford Crossing

"Our mission is to create opportunities for older adults to be healthy and an active part of a natural community."

Possible service tasks: outdoor work, washing siding, perhaps having a sing-a-long

The Window

The Window is located in downtown Goshen and serves as a food pantry, drop-in center, and general social service provider to the Goshen community.

Possible service tasks: We have several storage areas that need cleaned out. Students will help sort through items with the assistance of staff. Removal of items will require carrying them up or down stairs.

Youth for Christ Elkhart County

LifeLine is a clubhouse ministry that provides a safe environment for youth 10 to 18 years old. We are strategically located in the heart of Elkhart and all kids from all locations are welcome. We currently have 170-200 youths walk through our doors each week!

Possible service tasks: cleaning, painting, moving furniture.