



COMMUNITY IMPACT DAY



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SMALL GROUP GUIDE FAQs & IDEAS



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Dear Small Group Leader,

I believe that at our core we all want to make a difference in the world. The only problem is, most of us don't know how to start. So here it is. A practical opportunity for you to reach the world, starting with your own backyard. A chance for you to show that serving others matters, and a chance for you to be a part of something bigger than yourself.

Community Impact Day (CID) returns on July 29, and we are doing it a little different this year. As a small group leader, you have your hand on the pulse of your community and know the needs of your neighborhood. We're asking you and your small group to come up with a CID project that's all your own.

Here's what we're asking you to do:

1. Read the provided "FAQs & Ideas" to find out exactly what CID will look like this year.
2. Meet with your small group, brainstorm the projects ideas, and decide what your group's CID project will be.
3. Submit your group's CID project, starting June 10, at newpointe.org/cid or return the enclosed project form. Deadline is June 30.
4. Pray, plan, and get ready to make an impact as a small group!

We're excited about inviting our small groups to help define and decide what difference we'll make in Northeast Ohio this summer. Thank you in advance for helping us make an impact in our own backyards.

Stop by the Info Desk at your campus beginning June 10 with any questions you have, or contact your campus pastor.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Compton".

Scott Compton
Missions/Service Director
NewPointe Community Church

Community Impact Day 2018 FAQs

1. What is Community Impact?

It's a way we can positively influence the people living and working in the communities around us. Once a year, NewPointe closes its doors on Sunday so its attendees can spend the morning volunteering in local communities through a broad scope of projects and make an impact on a scale larger than what they could do on their own. CID is an opportunity to show the love of Christ in real and tangible ways, extend support beyond our own walls, and BE the church.

2. So, CID is considered a “mission”?

Yes, we believe the local church is the hope of the world living and teaching the truth of Jesus Christ and has the potential and power to bring about life change. Missions are often thought of as leaving the country to make an impact somewhere else. We believe God's love and concern extends to all people in every place, and we are called to make an impact right in our own community. CID is a great way to do that!

3. When is CID?

Community Impact Day is Sunday, July 29, 2018.

4. What will the day look like?

Instead of having church that day (seriously, there will be no church services), the following will take place:

- **CID Rally – 8:30 a.m. at the campus**
Get your CID T-shirt and attend the rally. We will worship and pray together before heading to our project locations! You will also hear from Lead Pastor Dwight Mason, and NewPointe's Missions/Service Director, Scott Compton, as they share the vision for CID. (Please note: T-shirts will only be available during the CID Rally.)
- **CID Projects – throughout the day**
Video and social media teams will go out on location to capture footage at various project locations.
- **CID Celebration – details to be provided**
Make sure you come back to celebrate and hear stories about the impact our CID projects made. You won't want to miss this!

5. Why am “I” getting this packet?

Since small groups are the heartbeat of NewPointe and each small group member has some kind of connection with people/organizations in our communities, we're asking every small group to develop, plan, and lead their own CID project with their small group. Provided are “Ideas for Small Group Projects”. If your small group doesn't have the ability to create its own CID project but still wants to serve, contact your campus pastor for more ideas and helpful information.

6. Will there be CID projects available for those NOT in a small group?

Yes, starting July 1, there will be additional CID projects (as in prior CID years) available for anyone to sign up online and volunteer to serve. Ideally, these projects are intended for those who are not connected to a small group or who are new to NewPointe, but who want to serve and get in on the thrill of CID! Volunteer registration ends at midnight, Sunday, July 22.

7. How do small groups plan a CID project?

Get creative! Assess the people and their needs in your neighborhood and around your community. Perhaps there is a widow, single mother, or elderly person who would be blessed by a helping hand, whether painting their house, cutting grass, or cleaning up the yard. Provided are “Ideas for Small Group Projects”. Plan a project that takes no more than 4 hours to complete. Firefighters, police officers, school officials, nursing home directors, and local business owners are all great people to reach out to and find a way to make an impact.

8. Should we let the church know if our small group plans our own CID project?

Yes, we want to be able to provide T-shirts for everyone serving on a project, and we want to be able to celebrate every project. Submit your small group project starting, June 10, to newpointe.org/CID or use the enclosed form. When submitting your small group project, be sure to pre-register everyone serving on this project. Deadline for submitting small group projects is June 30.

9. If we use the paper form to submit our small group CID project, what do we do with it?

Completed forms need returned to the church no later than June 30:

- Drop it off at the church office
- Place it in the offering or black box
- Take it to the Info Desk
- Or instead of using the paper form, complete the online form at newpointe.org/cid

10. Will I be notified if NewPointe has concerns about our CID small group project?

We’re confident you’ll come up with something great and impactful! After submitting your CID project, allow a few days for email confirmation of your project. If we have any concerns about your project, we’ll get in touch with you.

11. We’ve already submitted our CID project and pre-registered our small group member, but now my mother-in-law wants to help us with our project. How do I add her?

We can add her for you. Simply contact your campus pastor and provide the name, phone, email, and shirt size of each person you would like to add.

12. What if we need more people than just our small group members to complete our project?

When you submit your project (and pre-register those who will be serving on the project), you will also be asked to specify the total number of people needed to complete the project. If there are spots yet to be filled, we’ll list your project online and it will be open for anyone to sign up.

13. Are there any age restrictions for volunteers to be able to serve on a CID project?

The recommended age is 5 and older. Anyone age 18 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

14. Who covers any costs associated with our small group CID project?

Each small group is responsible for the expenses associated with their CID project. This includes things like supplies, materials, equipment, travel expenses, etc. When planning your project, spend time determining the scope that will be appropriate for the size and commitment level of your group.

15. Will we have church on Sunday, July 29?

No, we will not be having church, and all children and student environments will be closed that day. We are having a CID Rally at the church at 8:30 a.m. for all CID volunteers prior to beginning projects. We will also be holding a CID Celebration; details to be provided.

16. What should we bring to our CID project?

Personal items you may need, like sunscreen, drinking water, tennis shoes, a hat, etc., along with items pertaining to your project such as rakes, gloves, lawnmowers, tarps, work tools, etc. Work clothes are a good idea, and we recommend not wearing jewelry.

17. What if it rains on July 29?

If you have an outside CID project, make plans to have an inclement weather option in mind. While CID is a one-day event, we encourage small groups to have a backup plan or rain date for completing their project.

18. Does everyone get a CID T-shirt?

Those pre-registered when a small group project is submitted (or who sign up online to serve as a volunteer on a CID project) AND who attend the CID Rally at the church that morning will get a T-shirt. Available sizes will be youth small to adult 5XL. (Please note: T-shirts will only be available during the CID Rally; must be present to get a T-shirt.)

19. Did someone say “hats”?

Yes, we’re providing an exclusive NewPointe Missions hat and T-shirt to the leader of each CID project (Please note: only one leader per project). The project leader can be anyone and does not have to be the small group leader. You will be asked to designate the project leader when submitting your CID small group project. Leaders will be notified when these items are available at the Info Desk.

20. What is the role of the project leader?

They are the point person for the project. They plan, coordinate, and communicate the details of the project with the organization/individual being served, as well as with the volunteers serving on the project so the project is enjoyable and successful. On the day of CID, the project leader arrives 15 minutes early at the CID Rally to receive brief instructions, and prays with the team at the project site before the project begins.

21. Will we be getting more information about CID?

Our main method of communication with anyone serving on a CID project will be email. More information may be presented during Sunday services, and general information will be available at newpointe.org/cid. Feel free to stop by the Info Desk starting June 10.

22. Can we post pictures of our CID project on social media?

Yes, and please include the hashtag #npcid.

Community Impact Day 2018 Dates & Deadlines

Date	Information
Today	Connect with the people in your small group and plan a CID project
June 10	Submit your CID small group project online at newpointe.org/cid (or use the enclosed form) Stop by the Info Desk to ask questions about CID
June 30	Deadline to submit your small group CID project and pre-register those serving on your project
July 1	Volunteer signups are open online for CID project listed at newpointe.org/cid for anyone wanting to serve on a CID project
July 22	Deadline for online volunteer signups
July 29	Community Impact Day CID Rally – 8:30 a.m. at your campus CID Projects – throughout the day in various neighborhoods and communities CID Celebration – details to be provided

See the next page for Ideas for Small Group Projects.

Community Impact Day 2018 Ideas for Small Group Projects

Begin by asking your small group members the following questions. Hopefully, the answers will help you develop a CID project that is a perfect fit for your group.

- Who in your neighborhood has a need?
- What business or organization within your sphere of influence could use a blessing?
- What serving opportunities best suit your group's ages and abilities? (prayer, worship, teaching, physical labor, etc.)

General Ideas

- Host a free garage sale
- Bring free lunches to construction workers or servicemen in your area
- Clean up a widow's or single mom's yard
- Give out free sunscreen at a city park
- Give out free bottled water
- Plan a "Back to School Bash" for foster care children. Have free food, games, and a backpack/school supply giveaway
- Give out free donuts and coffee at a bus stop or shopping center
- Host a free car wash
- Make minor car repairs for elderly, widows, and/or single moms
- Help your kids host a free kids toys and games garage sale
- Help your kids host a free lemonade stand

Nursing Homes

- Deliver fresh flowers to the residents
- Host a worship service at a nursing home (offer worship, devotions, prayer, and fellowship)
- Throw a "Senior Prom" complete with live music, food, and decorations
- Landscape a flower garden and sitting area for residents
- Have kids make crafts (necklaces, wooden crosses) that can be given to residents
- Distribute chips and sodas to residents and employees (check with staff on food restrictions)
- Have a tea party
- Help the residents complete care packages for foster kids

Special Needs/Youth Home

- Identify a family with a child with special needs and arrange an “adults only day out”
- Adopt a group home for the day and throw a party for the residents
- Build a wheelchair ramp for a person with special needs
- Organize a field day for a group youth home

Community Outreach

- Serve a hot breakfast for the homeless in your community
- Do a community trash cleanup
- Host a “Block Party” with free food, games, music, etc. for families
- Renovate a rundown playground or park in the area
- Do a door-to-door grocery giveaway
- Have a “Free Grass Cutting” day

Hospitals

- Serve free coffee, energy drinks, and snacks to staff and those waiting in the emergency room
- Give out healthy snacks to patients of chemotherapy
- Deliver small gifts to patients and families in the children’s ward (toys, care packages, etc.)
- Pray and visit with patients and those in the emergency room
- Take care packages with snacks, sweets, and small gift items (lotions, magazines, puzzles etc.) to families of hospitalized children

Businesses or Public Service Organizations

- Wash windows
- Pick up trash in a parking lot
- Move shopping carts to designated spaces
- Cook lunch for your local police or fire station

For further inspiration, you can get more ideas from these great books:

Servolution by Dino Rizzo

Conspiracy of Kindness by Steve Sjogren

The Cause Within You by Matthew Barnett

When Helping Hurts by Steve Corbett & Brian Fikkert