



Service Opportunities for Small Groups

FPU Class Project

Two to four times per year our Financial Peace University students hold parking lot sales to raise money for their family's emergency fund, the first step toward achieving financial peace. For this project, SMO allows the class to take donations we've received from our storage unit to help them earn money. Your group can make a difference by helping our moms set up and tear down at our parking lot sales. It is a lot of work for our parents to do this by themselves, and usually they drive small cars, which limit their capacity to haul stuff! We have well organized tubs of clothes, which need to be taken from the storage unit (usually around 6:30 am) to the sale location and then returned after the sale is over at noon.

If you are interested in serving in this way, we will notify you (usually 30 days before) of our next sale.

Home Repairs

We have an online support group that has a resource section listing services that are available to our families from local businesses and church groups. If your group would like to do help our parents with light home repairs, such as landscape maintenance chores, plumbing, electrical, painting, etc., we will put this in our resource area.

Note: Most of our families live in apartments, so the need is infrequent.

Throw a Family Fun Event

We are looking for groups to help us develop our *INSPIRE* program, our rewards-based program directed to parents who are carrying at least 6 units in school, are active in attending our Life Skills Workshops, and who are new to our organization (under one year). SMO desires to help bring FUN to these hard-working families. Your group could host a family fun night, take them bowling or create whatever your imagination can dream up! The only requirement is that it has to be fun!

New Member Gift Bags

This great idea comes from Christ Lutheran's Women's Ministry. The women had a retreat and did a service project where they put together gift bags containing feminine, pampering things (think Mother's Day here!) to give our parents. Many of our new clients come to us in a state of personal crisis. These gift bags sent a powerful message that someone cared about them. They were truly honored by the gift!