

# Thrivent Action Team Project Ideas

## Children/Youth/Faith Formation:

### Support Upcoming Projects this Fall/Winter

- ***Provide seed funding for Trunk or Treat materials***—Funds will be used to purchase candy and craft supplies for RLC’s Trunk or Treat event in October.
- ***Advent at Home boxes***—Funds will be used to purchase supplies for Advent wreaths in December. Wreaths can be made during an intergenerational Advent Learning Hour event in November or included in boxes for households to complete at home.
- ***Expansion of children worship bag materials***—Funds will be used to purchase new materials for children to use while participating in worship at RLC. Specific items include: play communion sets, board books, and fidget toys.
- ***Sponsor a new set of faith learning materials and board books for the nursery***—Funds will be used to purchase a new set of faith-based learning materials and Bible board books for use in the nursery with children (birth through age four).

### Anytime/Spring

- ***Sponsor a service project for children and youth***—Funds will be used to purchase supplies for a service project to be completed by children and youth. (Example: In 2020, Kids Club painted flowerpots gifted to homebound members.)
- ***Provide seed funding for Vacation Bible School snacks or supplies***—Funds will support RLC’s Vacation Bible School program by purchasing snacks or other program supplies.
- ***Lent at Home boxes***—Funds will be used to purchase supplies for activities that households can participate in to observe Lent at home.
- ***Sponsor a Youth Group fundraiser***—Funds will provide seed funds for a fundraiser to support our trip to the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN.
- ***Support a project at Lutheran Hills***—Camp is always looking for Thrivent Action Team grants to underwrite volunteer opportunities and special projects. Needs vary throughout the year; contact Victoria Hoppes, [victoria@rlcindy.org](mailto:victoria@rlcindy.org) for current options.

## Projects Outside the Walls of RLC:

- ***Purchase Tools and Supplies for Habitat for Humanity***—Do this on your own or gather a couple other RLC/Thrivent members to have a shopping party for Habitat. Julie Jessee, [community@rlcindy.org](mailto:community@rlcindy.org) can provide Habitat's list of needed items.
- ***Purchase Scholastic Books for our Weekender Students***—The books will be included in the sack of food that goes home before winter break. Have friends or family join in by wrapping each book.
- ***Purchase Needed Items for Perry-Township Schools***—Each school maintains a closet of items to support children when something happens during the day. This includes things like uniform pants/shorts, underwear, socks, gym shoes, etc. Each school can tell you their current needs.
- ***Create Activity Kits***—Organizations serving children, teens, and young adults often need activity kits for special occasions like birthdays or just for fun. Organizations include: Lutheran Child and Family Services (LCFS), Coburn Place, and Ascent 121.
- ***Provide a Meal for our Homeless Neighbors in Indianapolis***—A daily meal is served in downtown Indianapolis through Refuge Place. Arrange food from a restaurant/grocery store for them to pick up or cook it yourself or with the help of friends. Gather people to serve the meal or let Refuge Place serve.
- ***Make Seat Sacks for a DMKA Classroom***—A seat sack goes over the back of the child's chair and holds all their notebooks and folders. Use the Action Team funds to buy supplies, then gather friends to sew or do it on your own. RLC member Diana Deitch has done this with an Action Team if you need a pattern.

There are so many more possibilities! If you need help getting started, contact Julie Jessee, [community@rlcindy.org](mailto:community@rlcindy.org) or Victoria Hoppes, [victoria@rlcindy.org](mailto:victoria@rlcindy.org).