

GDOS 2024 Projects

1. Assist at Friends of Disabled Adults & Children (FODAC) - Indoor

Project coordinator: Martha Brown

Location: FODAC, 4900 Lewis Rd, Tucker, GA 30083

Project description: FODAC provides refurbished equipment and services for adults and children with disabilities including free or low-cost wheelchairs and other home medical equipment, vehicle and home adaptations. We'll help out by cleaning and sorting items in the thrift store, warehouse, and loading dock. Volunteers should be 12 years of age or older (those 12 – 16 need an accompanying parent). Tasks available for all ability levels.

2. Sort & Swap Clothing at Northlake Clothing Closet - Indoor

Project coordinator: Lauren Leadford

Location: Northlake Church of Christ

Project description: Northlake's Clothing Closet provides clothing assistance to our neighbors with a good selection of seasonal clothes and have helped patrons with job interviews and everyday clothes. They served over 1,000 people last year and 136 in June alone, all while being open only 3 days a month for a total of 6 hours! As the season is changing, we'll be helping out by swapping racks of fall clothes and summer clothes. Teenagers and adults welcome.

3. Assemble Toiletry Kits for Homeless - Indoor

Project coordinator: Melanie Lynn

Location: Wesley Center

Project description: Help our homeless community and the Dekalb County Police Department by assembling hygiene kits with toiletries, socks, etc. The Dekalb County Police Department will distribute these to the homeless in our community throughout the year.

4. Assist pantry operations at NETWorks - Indoor

Project coordinator: Cherri Slomiany

Location: NETWorks, 4296 Cowan Rd, Tucker

Project description: NETWorks operates a food pantry providing food assistance for neighbors experiencing a crisis or an unexpected difficult time. We need volunteers to help neighbors as they shop; interact with neighbors as you weigh and record grocery items; restock the grocery floor, dry goods, cold/frozen foods; manage incoming food (weigh, check dates, put items in correct locations); bag items for neighbors who prefer not to shop; be a friendly face!

5. Community Car Wash - Outdoor

Project Coordinator: Calvin Myers

Max number of volunteers: 10

Location: In front of the TFUMC Wesley Center

Project description: Let's help Tucker shine a little brighter one car at a time! We'll be providing a free car wash for the community. We'll provide the soap and water and sponges, just come prepared to greet customers with a smile and to scrub street grime off your neighbors' vehicles.

6. Clean-up Old Fellowship Cemetery - Outdoor

Project Coordinators: Ken Futch

Location: Behind American Legion Post 207 on Pine Valley Road

Project description: Join us as we work to preserve a historic legacy. This cemetery, located behind American Legion Post 207 on Pine Valley Road, contains graves dating back to 1832 including four Revolutionary War soldiers. We'll be picking up trash and doing some light yard work. Volunteers will need to use caution on the uneven ground and may want to bring sunscreen and bug spray.

7. Electronics Recycling - Outdoor

Project Coordinator: Craig Coleman

Location: Wesley Center Loading Dock

Project Description: Help the community and the environment as we gather/unload old electronics received. Volunteers should be able to lift 20-30 pounds.

Accepted items: Computers, Copiers, CPUs (central processing), Credit/debit card readers/processors, DVD players, Desktops, Disk arrays, Docking stations, Earpieces, Ethernet hubs, Extension cords, External hard drives, Fax machines, Firewalls, Fitness trackers, Flat screen monitors, Mother board, MP3 players, Network bridges, Network hubs, Panelboards, PC, PC power supplies, PDAs (personal digital assistant), Peripherals, Picture printers, Phone systems, Plotters, Point of Sale Systems, Power distribution units, Power strips, Printers, Projectors, Radios, Tablets, Telephones, Toner (unused), Transmitters, Typewriters, USB flash drives, Uninterrupted power supplies (UPS), VCR players, Video games, Video game consoles, Video game controllers, Video recorders, Walkie-talkies, Wireless Access Point, Wirings, X-ray film

Not accepted: No TVs!

8. Spruce-up the Tucker First UMC Campus - Outdoor

Project Coordinator: Walter Kelly

Location: Various locations around the church

Project description: Help improve the "curb appeal" of Tucker First by assisting with several projects (under consideration are: repainting faded directional signage around the property; power wash concrete benches, sidewalks and re-paint the brick skirt on the Activity Center; perform light yard work around campus).

9. Build a Compost Bin at NETWorks - Outdoor

Project Coordinator: Neil Duggan

Location: NETWorks, 4296 Cowan Rd, Tucker

Project description: NETWorks food pantry discards piles of over-ripe fruits and vegetables very week. Neil has been adding these to the Church Mission Garden Compost Bin up to now. But volumes are exceeding our bin capacity. We'll install compost bins on NETWorks property so they can create and give away their own compost! We'll work with other volunteers from NETWorks to install a 3-station compost bin outside on their property. Most of the work will involve digging and creating a flat place for the bins on the outside on a sloped surface. This will be a physically demanding job for strong backs. Fortunately, there should be lots of strong young volunteers from NETWorks, so we'll take turns, pace ourselves and get it done!