



WS
DOWNTOWN
APPRECIATION DAY

April 12, 2025

Below are descriptions of the projects available. Some projects may be combined closer to April 12. If you are registering a child (Birth-PreK) please select "Childcare" as their project option.

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Appreciating Local Business Owners, Hotels, and Churches (20 spots)

The number of businesses downtown has blossomed over the years. Let's show them we are glad to be their neighbors. Those registered for this project will spend the first part of the morning putting together appreciation packets of snacks, thank you notes, and an invitation to lunch. Then, smaller groups will walk to neighboring businesses, hotels, and other downtown establishments to share our appreciation.

Thanking First Responders (10 spots)

How often have you heard fire truck sirens roar past church, or seen a police officer riding a bike downtown? First Responders play an important role in our life downtown. Those registered to thank our first responders will spend the first part of the morning making thank you notes and snack packs. Then they will walk to the Bike Patrol and Fire Station downtown to share the love, including an invitation to lunch.

Bus Station Smiles (10 spots)

Did you know that the Central Bus Station is only a few blocks from church? The group tasked with showing kindness to those riding public transportation will walk to the bus station to give out free bus tickets, water, thank you notes to the bus drivers and employees, and invitations to lunch.

Creating Shower Kits for The Dwelling (15 spots).

The Dwelling is a downtown congregation that ministers to those who are unhoused and on the margins. Three days a week at their shower trailer, they provide opportunities for people without access to water to shower. Each person who uses this important ministry is given a shower kit of essentials. Those signed up for this project will put together shower kits for the Dwelling. Website: www.thedwellingws.org/showers

Providing Warmth: Community Coat Closet Clean-Up and Organization (8 spots)

It may be April, but we know that cold weather comes regularly every year! This is the perfect time of year to help clean up and organize the community coat closet that provides warm clothing for numerous schools and community organizations. The Community coat closet is located just a few blocks from church. Website: spark-community.org/community-coat-closet

Lunch: Feasting in community (15 spots)

As we go about our morning of appreciation, we will invite neighbors to join us for lunch at Winston Square park, just across Marshall Street. Scott Haynie will be our grill master, but to make lunch a possibility, we need many more hands. Sign up for preparation and serving (10:00-12:30), or clean up (12:00-1:00) or both.

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Caring for the Vulnerable: Community Care Center; 9:30-2:30 (20 spots)

The Community Center provides compassionate, high-quality healthcare to the uninsured and under-served in our community. A group of up to 20 people, high school age and older, will refresh exam rooms including peeling wallpaper, ripping up carpet, and painting. This project will last longer than the rest to ensure that we finish the project (we'll bring you lunch while you work). Website: carectr.org

Childcare (Birth - PreK) & Rock Painting

If you have little ones, Ms. Sam and other of our childcare workers will be here not only to care for them, but to lead a project with them as well. Kids will paint "kindness rocks" while their parents are working on other projects. When parents pick up their children, they can then walk with them in the neighborhood to drop off these rocks at random spots to brighten someone's day.

