**Second Saturday Serves**

**Vision and FAQ**

**August 2020**

**Overall Outreach Vision:**

To help people make a difference (loving others the way Christ loved us) by focusing on serving individuals and organizations outside the walls of CedarCreek Church. This includes both a Groups approach as well as structured and sustainable initiatives through the DreamTeam.

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**Second Saturday Serves Vision:**

The Second Saturday Serves provide projects once a month for each campus to show the love of Jesus in real and tangible ways to their community. This provides not only a way to make a difference each month, but also an on-ramp to identify leaders to lead an Outreach Group or for guests to join a Group.

**Strategy:**

Each month each campus chooses a serve project\* of their own. These projects can come from a variety of places - through an existing outreach Group leader and their consistent serve, through a project planned by the Outreach HUB leader, something the campus wants to step into and “test” as a potential partnership, etc.

\*In light of Coronavirus, serve projects include:

* In person option with latest safety guidelines in place
* Do-It-Yourself

*Bottom line: In light of the on-going Coronavirus pandemic and its impact, the plan is to limit Second Saturday Serve projects to meet current safety standards. For those who are not comfortable with an in-person option, at least 1 ”on their own” or “with their family” project will help everyone have the opportunity to take part. The plan for right now is to not offer opportunities to guests that gather a large crowd. While this remains an ever-changing situation, this plan for now allows us to move forward in some way.*

**Goals:**

* Provide simple, meaningful projects and/or tasks for guests to take part in that will make a difference in someone’s life
* Meets a specific, tangible need
* To provide an opportunity for guests to step into a serve project
* For participants who have a passion for local outreach to consider leading an outreach Group
* For participants who are not in a Group to be inspired to join a Group (outreach or another one)
* Specific identifiable wins to share how Second Saturday makes a difference

**Leaders of the projects:**

* Group leaders within the Outreach HUB
* Some planned activities by Outreach HUB leader
* Both in person and DIY projects have a leader who is communicating, caring for, and praying for the project

**Target audience:**

* Those guests who want to make a difference through local outreach

**When:**

* Second Saturdays of the month other than July (due to Serve Day)

**Where:**

* Second Saturday Serve projects can serve in neighborhoods helping those that have a need, at businesses or organizations in our community where we have influence, and/or in areas where there is a gifting and/or passion.

**FAQ:**

**I have a guest who wants to participate in Second Saturday. How do they find a project to participate in?**The directory of projects can be found at CedarCreek.tv/outreach. There they will find a listing of projects to search, similar to the directory of Groups. Guests can search the projects to find one they like and contact the leader listed. Campuses can also offer Second Saturday as a next step during GrowthTrack too.

**What is the process for registering a Second Saturday project?**

Leaders can register a project at CedarCreek.tv/outreach. The questions to complete the registration are very similar as to what is asked for Serve Day projects. The completed form emails to the Next Steps Director at the campus who then insures the project gets built in Rock.

**How will we know who attended Second Saturday?**

The leader of the project has access to the project under My.CedarCreek.tv and is asked to take attendance like they do for their Group. They can communicate with guests who sign-up, add people, make people inactive and take attendance.

**Why would Outreach Group leaders lead a Second Saturday? Is it only the Group who serves? How is the project an on-ramp to Groups?**

A key strategy of Outreach Groups is to encourage people who have a passion to serve in local outreach to be empowered to do that. Our people are the church, so by empowering them to lead, we aren’t the only ones generating momentum, we’re encouraging the momentum that has already been placed in someone as their purpose by God. It’s not up to us as the church staff to figure everything out and make everything happen. God is already moving in a leader’s heart. As they provide a project and plan for Second Saturday Serve, the leader can include their Group members in the planning as well as execution, but a primary goal is to provide an on-ramp into their Group too. As they participate as a Group (the leader and members) this creates a natural on-ramp and invite into the Group by either the leader or the members for those who sign up for the project. Safety guidelines will need to be considered with this approach right now, but may still be possible.

**How can a Second Saturday Serve project help identify potential leaders?**

If the Outreach HUB leader has planned the project, then one of their primary goals is to keep their eye out for a potential leader who attends that day. It may be someone who initially helps the Outreach HUB leader with a project, but through connection and relationship, the Outreach HUB leader opens doors for people to lead Groups around their particular passion.

**How else can leaders be identified?**

GrowthTrack may help identify leaders. We would encourage each campus to host a regular local outreach vision night for those who 1) identify they are interested in leading from Serve Day, 2) are identified through a Second Saturday Serve, or 3) have shown potential to lead. Discuss with them the strategy, what they have experienced, what they would like to do and empower and equip them to get started.

**What should guests bring to a Second Saturday Serve?**While this is highly depending on the project, they should plan on bringing any personal items they may need and wearing their SERVE Day T-shirt. If items are needed, campuses can either use their local outreach budgets to purchase supplies, ask those participating to bring tools, etc., or work with the organization to provide what is needed. We would anticipate leaders including in their project description any specific needs and the level of physical labor required, work clothes or gloves needed, etc. We would also recommend that the leader provides updates to those who have signed up to participate.

**How does a guest get a Serve Day t-shirt for Second Saturday?**

We recommend meeting at the campus to take attendance, distribute t-shirts, and have the leader host a huddle or orientation in preparation for serving. This is also the most comfortable spot for someone to meet a group of people they don’t know. The other option is to equip the leader with the number of t-shirts needed and meet about 30 minutes before the actual serve at the location to do the other items.

**What kind of timing does a Second Saturday Serve take?**Projects can take anywhere from 1-2 hours. We would recommend going no longer than 2 hours.

**Should kids be allowed to participate?**

Having family friendly projects is a component to consider. Campuses could even have a couple of projects on a Second Saturday Serve, one that is more family friendly and the other geared more towards 16 and up. This is up to the campus and current safety guidelines, but we would recommend having at least 2-3 family friendly projects as part of the Second Saturday Serves “line-up” of projects and consider DIY projects for family friendly.

**Is there an ideal project or serve?**

The best projects are simple and meaningful where guests can take part and know that it truly made a difference in someone’s life. Ideally, we encourage you to look for opportunities that are “high impact” and

meet a specific, tangible need. In addition, Second Saturday Serves can be a great way to “try out” potential partnerships for a while. Our philosophy is people first and developing relationships, insuring that there is redemptive quality to what is being done - reaching the lost and getting them connected to a life-giving church.

**What should a guest who is participating in Second Saturday wear?**

We will use the Serve Day shirts for Second Saturday Serves too. For those guests who do not have a Serve Day shirt, they will be provided one on the first Second Saturday they attend, and then asked to use it each time they serve.

**What will promotion be for Second Saturday Serve?**

Promotion will include weekend slide, social media, stories, weekend service (when applicable), and all active emails. We hope to also capture footage similar to Serve Day to use for future promotion.

**What is the recommended mix of projects?**

With 11 Second Saturday Serves for the year, we would recommend a mix of family friendly, high impact, at campus, DIY and off-site with:

* 5-6 projects led by existing Group leaders
* 2-3 Lead by HUB leader
* 2-3 projects led by Outreach Coaches
* DIY each month