TO THE SEYMOUR COMMUNITY JUNE 23-29, 2019



Q: What is this Event?

A: TeenServe is a stateside mission's trip where teens from across the U.S. volunteer to do home improvements for local elderly, handicapped, and lower-income residents. Only two communities get selected each year. Seymour has been selected for 2019! Home projects consist of basic weatherization, painting, construction of steps and wheelchair ramps, etc. All work is done at no cost to the homeowners.

Q: How is an event like this possible?

A: This event will be successful through TeenServe adult and teen volunteers, partnerships with Habitat for Humanity's "A Brush with Kindness" program and Valspar, and volunteer/support from our community. Volunteer teens range from 120-400 kids depending, more than 100 community volunteers, local business and community support/donations, and the help of Habitat/Valspar.

Q: How many community families/homes can be impacted with this project?

A: Our minimum goal is 40. But the more TeenServe volunteers that register, the more houses we can do. The work zone for residents to submit applications is the Seymour school district. If we do not get a large enough response, that work zone will be increased.

Q: How else does our community benefit?

A: Our community you will experience gratification beyond words. It is very exciting to witness hundreds of teens and adult leaders from across the country coming together with one purpose – to help those in need! A TeenServe workcamp will have a powerful impact on many lives: the residents whose homes will be repaired, the volunteers who help with the details, the businesses, individuals, family and friends who support the event financially, and the young people who come from across the United States to work on homes in our community. Not to mention the powerful financial impact on the community with more than \$100,000 of donated materials and labor and more than \$200,000 of free home repairs.

Q: What is the cost for teens to sign up for this event?

A: Registration for kids across the Midwest will pay \$425. However, our local students will pay only \$300.

Q: How much money does an event like this cost? And if it's done by volunteers/donations, why is there fundraising?

A: Our goal is to raise \$25,000. The Teenserve kids/adults pay for their event (staff, coordination, meals, etc.). Our fundraising is for the materials to work on the homes (lumber and paint supplies, etc.).

Q: Where will all the non-community volunteers stay?

A: TeenServe has partnered with the Seymour High School who will house the students (students bring their own sleeping supplies). They will be fed with the assistance of the cafeteria food program. And the locker rooms will also be made available.

Q: What is some history on these TeenServe Workcamps?

A: The first TeenServe mission trip was held in 2000 in Ladysmith, Wisconsin with 186 participants. TeenServe is a division of Shine Ministries, Inc., a non-profit corporation. TeenServe has over fourteen years of experience organizing these week-long mission trips where 40 to 80 homes receive a makeover. After witnessing more than 10,000 participants complete work on over 2000 homes, TeenServe is looking forward to coming to the Seymour community!

Q: What do you need from me as a local business owner?

A: We will need donations for materials and reach our \$25,000 goal. Also, help us spread the word at this wonderful opportunity is coming to our community. The more the community knows, the more successful we will be to have residents apply for home repair, and the more volunteers will sign up to help.

Q: How can I get more information?

A: Teenserve.org has info on this Workcamp project. Regular updates for our community event will be on Facebook: https://m.facebook.com/TeenServe-2019-Seymour-WI-1798445346899372/?ref=bookmarks. Our local Event Director is Shawn Maass: shawnmaybe@hotmail.com or text to 920-680-2026.