



Share Peace and Rekindle Kindness

## Support SPARK's flame as it Continues to Design Cause-Driven Opportunities to Serve

### Our Mission

SPARK designs and manages community service experiences in order to help our neighbors in need and spread kindness to all.

### The Vision

Through partnering with local organizations and sacred spaces SPARK fans community's flame by serving and meeting every person where they are.

**It only takes a spark** to get something going. SPARK has worked to create meaningful partnerships that work towards identifying and addressing needs in Winston-Salem and surrounding areas. **Partnership** is at the center of who we are, and how we design and manage service experiences. SPARK continues to be creative and organized when working to meet the needs of the community, as well as those serving.

**The Who that Sparks:** Groups ask SPARK to design a project aligning with their passions for service. Organizations also request for SPARK to host a project to invite volunteers to serve their need.

**The Design:** SPARK collaborates with organizations and sacred spaces to identify a cause and need. The design begins to take cause-driven shape, along with aligning with the passions of the volunteers.

**The Service Experience:** SPARK organizes the details for the project with all parties involved. While collaboration is key, a key component to SPARK's work is offering all parties to be fulfilled in service by being present in relationships and connection, while logistics are taken care of.

**The Follow-Up:** Communication and reflection on projects, as well as providing important information for future volunteerism and engagement with organizations served.

These numbers reflect our two years since September 2020

1,920

Volunteers

82

Groups/Organizations

91

Service Experiences



### Cause - Driven

Collaborates and partners with other organizations to meet and address needs.



### Faith-Based

Inclusive, affirming. Loving all neighbors is the work of Christ.



### Partnerships

With many incredible partnerships, we're able to serve in diverse ways throughout our city. This fall we've kicked off a weekly after school program at Peacehaven Mobile Home Park.



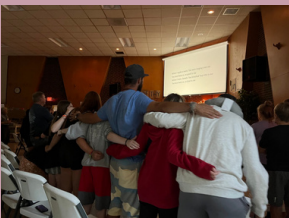
### Operating

SPARK is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with a devoted board who is dedicated to giving SPARK a solid foundation.



### Program Supplies

SPARK's projects require a diversity of materials, including anything from lumber and sandpaper to gardening and art supplies.



### Passing it On

We ALL are light. We must fan each other's and community's flame toward peace and spark connection

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Taste of the Triad

SPARK's summer 2022 was one for the books. We partner directly with The Dwelling, a church that supports and sojourns with many of Winston-Salem's unhoused neighbors. We've named our summer short-term Spirit and Service Learning weeks Spark'Dwell. This summer we served alongside 175 youth and adults from all over the country, engaging in diverse service in our city. These week long trips were rooted in connection and community. We started each week with a "Pilgrimage Through the Margins," in which our youth and leaders, led by our Dwelling counselors, put themselves in the shoes of neighbors experiencing homelessness. They walked and rode the bus throughout the city to try and have their needs met. What was learned during that experience set us up to serve well the rest of the week. We worked in community gardens, food pantries, group homes, an affordable housing neighborhood, the community coat closet, and many other spaces thanks to our 28 partner organizations.



In addition to the 18 youth groups that joined us for Spark'Dwell, this summer SPARK had full partnerships with YMCA Camp Hanes Leaders in Training and Catawba College Youth Theology Institute. With YMCA we led four service days through partnerships with Habitat for Humanity, King Outreach and Anthony's Plot. During one week we walked through servant leadership with high school students at Catawba College's summer Theology Institute.

**SPARK needs you.** Your spark is needed in helping our creative efforts to continue to grow and share light with individuals and communities. Moving forward, SPARK will continue to partner with more organizations and churches to help all individuals thrive in Winston-Salem and surrounding areas. SPARK is committed to designing projects that welcome all voices, and reduce the divide between those serving and being served. Where those with more resources can build a longer table to welcome their neighbor, rather than build a taller fence.

If you prefer to designate your gift to SPARK, here are ongoing initiatives:

**The Community Coat Closet**, in partnership with FCSO, we have efforts to keep our neighbors warm through collecting and distributing coats and other warm items.

**Peacehaven Mobile Home Community** where we have a weekly after school program averaging 15 children, and monthly "Fun Fridays" serving around 25 families.

**Peace Pole** project, where volunteers create a symbol of peace and hope to be planted at a specific business, organization or neighborhood in our city.

**Pearl Program**, led in partnership with Rusted Pearl Artisans, we restore and bring life back to discarded furniture that is given with the intention of making a house a home, and giving a piece with dignity to newly housed neighbors.

Online giving: <https://spark-community.org/give>

Make checks payable to SPARK at mailing address: 1240 Yorkshire Rd Winston-Salem 27106