

# Warmth Through Serving

Designing and Managing Cause-Driven Opportunities for Groups to Serve



## A message from Amber, SPARK Founder and Executive Director

Wow! You may be feeling like me. I'm wondering how we've already entered the holiday season. Albeit with a fast pace, I'm grateful. This year has been one of great growth for us as we've engaged in new meaningful and creative service projects. We've also strengthened and built new partnerships with organizations in order to collaborate and make a greater impact. I've been reflecting lately on what I want community members to know about SPARK. I want folks to know that we like to be creative. We're working hard to come at service with an intentional perspective of collaboration and listening. I'm grateful for an incredible board of directors and a small, but mighty team that realizes our work is to value service learning as priority and make it an easy experience for groups to serve together. We know that service-based work can often be viewed as working with the "haves" for the "have nots." This isn't what we're about. We want to work with neighbors to create an experience where the conversation is like MLK Jr. said, "Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love." Let's serve together to rekindle one another's flame, our community's flame and the world's flame one spark at a time. Please always feel comfortable reaching out to me at [executivedirector@spark-community.org](mailto:executivedirector@spark-community.org).

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**Giving Tuesday on November 28, 2023**

**The sparks of giving that support warm experiences through service-based work.**



**\$50** provides supplies to create welcome art for 5 neighbors transitioning to their new home



**\$360** sponsors 1 youth for a week of Spirit & Service Learning with SPARK and The Dwelling



**\$125** provides 3 coats, along with scarves, hats and gloves to keep Winston Salem warm



**\$500** sponsors 1 month of our after school programming at Peacehaven Mobile Home Park



**\$200** fills a dresser with 30 blankets for 30 children at our free/non-registry holiday event



**\$\$** monthly giving is an appreciated gift to our operations and programming



**To Give**, visit

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**-or-**

Make checks payable to

SPARK and send to 5250 Silas Creek Pkwy Winston-Salem, NC 27106

*To designate a gift to the Community Coat Closet or to After School, please denote.*

## Faith-Based Summer Experience 2024: **Unpacked** based on James 2:1-6

If you have groups you'd like to connect to SPARK for a summer 2024 experience, please reach out to Amber. SPARK wants to meet the needs of those being served and who are serving. We can think creatively together!



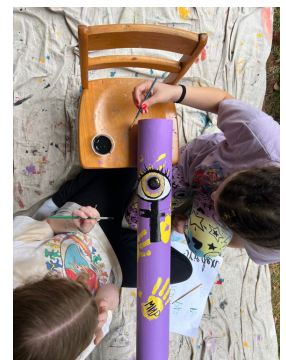
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Our Spark'Dwell weeks are led by awesome team of college aged young adults! They lead on service sites, in worship and in relationship building. Have someone in mind who would love this experience? Send them our way!



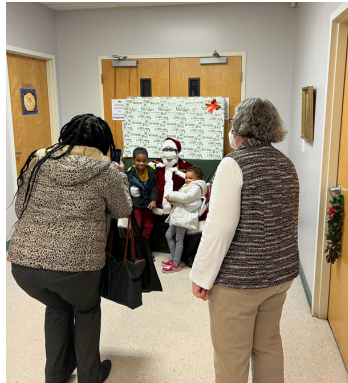
This fall we led Salem Academy's freshman class in creating and planting SPARK's 19th Peace Pole in Winton-Salem! These girls created a symbol of peace representing the community, diversity and the bright future they see for themselves and all the young women at Salem Academy.





# It's Cozy Bundle season!

On November 18th we held our first Cozy Bundle event in Mocksville! In partnership with Storehouse for Jesus, we served 250 children through providing warm pajamas, blankets and books.



We will have our Winston-Salem event on December 9th in two spaces that are right across the street from one another; Catholic Charities and New Light Missionary Baptist Church. Just like in Mocksville, each child will receive pajamas, a blanket and books – but in addition to that our Community Coat Closet will be present, we'll serve brunch and have Santa visits! We're thankful for the consistent support given to Cozy Bundle over the past three years, allowing us to expand our reach!

Our collection of pajamas of all sizes (new and gently used), books and blankets is still going! Right now, our biggest need is adult sizes from S – 3XL. If you want to contribute, drop off outside in wooden bin at Burkhead UMC – 5250 Silas Creek Pkwy.

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TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!**



We're thankful for all of our partners and friends who have collaborated with us to make no-sew blankets for Cozy Bundle this season, including:

Crosby Scholars  
Mt. Tabor UMC Youth  
Maple Springs UMC Youth  
Epiphany Lutheran Youth  
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**Did you know we design, organize and coordinate service opportunities for high school classrooms, clubs, teams, neighborhoods, churches, corporations, small businesses and any group? We handle all the logistics and guarantee it's rooted in and with kind partnership! There is always service learning involved.**



We share two spaces – Burkhead UMC and The Hub at the Augsburg Community Center  
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