



# Case for Support

## Help SPARK Take Root and Grow to Create Collaborative Service EXPERIENCES

### 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. In just six months, SPARK has created meaningful partnerships that work towards identifying and addressing needs in Winston-Salem and surrounding areas. **Collaboration** is at the core of our service experience designs and management. SPARK has proven to be creative and organized when working to meet the needs of the community, as well as those serving.

**SPARK needs you.** You are a spark in helping our grassroots efforts continue to grow and share light with individuals and communities. The next six months are imperative as SPARK partners with other organizations and churches to help all individuals thrive in Winston-Salem and surrounding areas. SPARK is designing projects that welcome all voices to the table, reducing the divide between those serving and being served. Please consider making a financial gift to help with SPARK's operating budget in 2021. Donations of all sizes make an impact! **To Give, please visit:** <https://spark-community.org/give>

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### VOLUNTEER AGES

5 & U	1%
6 - 11	2%
12 - 21	81%
25 - 45	9%
46 - 64	3%
65 +	4%

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### ORGANIZATIONS, CHURCHES AND BUSINESSES

Partnerships are at the core of our cause-driven service.



### Cause-Driven

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



### Faith-Based

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



### Creative

Monthly opportunity for donating to local organizations, along with partnering with local businesses to be drop-off locations.



### Operating

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



### Program Supplies

SPARK's projects require a diversity of materials: lumber, plants, paint, shovels, and even soap 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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## SERVICE EXPERIENCES

Hands-on, outdoors, virtual, diverse, and supply donation-based.

### Our Collaborative Initiative

**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 projects and 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 with organizations and volunteers reflection on project, as well as providing important connecting information for future volunteerism and engagement with organizations served.

Planted elderberry bushes of hope for survivors of domestic violence at *Annie's Hope Center* to care for and prepare juice for selling, along with learning skills in entrepreneurship.

Installed a new resource for *Hope To Thrive* by building a two-bin compost with removable slats for intergenerational involvement and painted their community space with a youth designed mural.

Sewed intergenerational kindness with middle and high school *Crosby Scholars* by calling isolated older neighbors on the phone from local churches and writing letters to be delivered with *Senior Services Meals-on-Wheels* program, as well as sharing a conversation on zoom with friends at *The Shepherd Center*. (This is an example of creative virtual service.)

Provided homemade pet treats with *Crosby Scholars* to help local organizations; *Humane Solution*, *AARF*, the *Forsyth Humane Society* and *Animal Shelter*.

Supplied local organizations monthly with necessary products to continue serving their community, while partnering with local businesses to host supply drop-off sites. This is an equitable experience for many.

Partnered with *Love Out Loud* to provide a service week with Winston Salem Christian School serving three local organizations each day through creative hands-on projects.

Creative work around the 1960 freedom sit-ins through empowering young voices with *Crosby Scholars* to collectively retell this history with a current call to action toward racial healing.