



## Help SPARK Take Root and Grow to Create Cause-Driven 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 one year, 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.

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### VOLUNTEER AGES

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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 is 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.

Designed and planted 8 peace poles around Winston-Salem and surrounding areas. SPARK leads groups in designing symbols of peace unique to the location and cause.

Hosted 3 overnight short-term faith and service weeks this summer. Two weeks were groups from different towns in NC, including VA and SC, intertwined with one another. These groups served 15 causes, engaged in meaningful worship and broke bread with 300 community members. Each person shared their spark as they led worship together and formed beautiful friendships while working side by side for and with the community. They listened to others' unique stories and were able to intentionally connect to the heartbeat of Winston-Salem. Our theme this summer was "See Me" based on Matthew 25:35-40.

Led service leadership with Leaders in Training (LITs) from YMCA Camp Hanes. LITs served with SPARK every two weeks for 2 days this summer. 6 total causes were served from designing peace poles, serving our elderly neighbors, organizing a coat closet, playing with children, and working on furniture for unhoused neighbors transitioning to housing.

Discovered ministry and service leadership with middle and high school students at Catawba College's Youth Theology Institute. SPARK led workshops and service projects focused on how to bring theology and equity to service.

Repurposed donated furniture with SPARK's Pearl Program for neighbors furnishing their new home after a difficult chapter in their lives with groups ranging from 7 to 25 volunteers. [www.spark-community.org/Pearl-Program](http://www.spark-community.org/Pearl-Program)