



**Want to reach your community? Know that God has called you to make a difference? Not really sure how?**

Then it may be that Community Partnerships is the method God has for you!

Over the past 12 years, Life Church Smyrna, under the leadership of Shell Osbon, has transitioned from being an inward-focused church to becoming an outward-focused church. Upon arriving in 2003, Shell quickly discovered that Life Church Smyrna was missing tremendous opportunities to positively impact its community.

By God's grace, things began to change as intentional relationships were established with one middle school and one restaurant. Soon thereafter, a process was set in motion which has resulted in more than thirty Community Partnerships which allow Life Church Smyrna the chance to impact hundreds and even thousands of people every month...through serving.

For more information on how you can establish Community Partnerships, please contact Shell Osbon at 770-435-5478 x225, 866-377-7591 x225 or Pastor@LifeChurchSmyrna.com



## Community Partnerships

- 7 Bridges to Recovery
- Advent Counseling and Training Services
- Builder Bunch/LEGO Camps
- Campbell Middle School
- Chess2Children
- Classical Conversations Smyrna Home School Network
- Cobb County Elections
- Concord Chase Apartments
- Cub Scout Pack 22
- Delmar Gardens
- H.A.V.E.N. Academy at Sky View
- Girl Scout Troup 7013
- Goodfella's Barber Shop
- Griffin Middle School
- Jessye Coleman Council/PTA Reflections
- Jim N' Nicks BBQ Restaurant
- Keep Smyrna Beautiful
- Kenny's Great Pies
- King Springs Elementary School
- Los Bravos Mexican Restaurant
- MOMS Club Smyrna-West
- M.U.S.T. Ministries of Smyrna
- Northstar Psychological Services
- Osborne High School
- Provident Village at Creekside
- Rhyne Park Athletic Association
- Save It Forward
- Smyrna Area Support for Christian Homeschoolers
- Smyrna City Jail
- Smyrna Fire Department
- Smyrna Mayor and City Council
- Smyrna Police Department
- Smyrna Public Safety Foundation
- Special Olympics Georgia – Cobb
- Uncle Maddio's Pizza Joint
- WellStar Cobb Hospital



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partnerships**

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**General Information**



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## Schools

Every school needs your church's involvement on various levels. From volunteers, to hosting meetings, to providing meals for teachers when the cafeteria is closed, to providing a basket of chocolates to the front office staff on the first day of school – all of your efforts will communicate that you care about students, that you care about teachers and that you care about the people in your community.

## Restaurants

The fact that we eat lunch at a restaurant on Sunday makes it impossible for the staff to attend church. So, take the church to them! You can pray for your servers when they come to your table, meet the manager, offer to host a Bible study before/after hours for the employees and many other creative ways that will assure them that you care about them and that you're there for them...even when they're not serving you.

## Parks and Recreation

Your local parks and recreation department relies on volunteers which are usually the parents of the children who are playing. Your church can work the concession stand during games, clean the restrooms on a regular basis, provide refreshments to the players or even buy some of the sports equipment. Each act of kindness will go a long way in meeting practical needs.



## Businesses

Most businesses have an accountant for tax issues and an attorney for legal issues; however, very few businesses have a pastor for spiritual issues. Their employees have problems so the business has problems. You can provide pastoral counseling, refer individuals to professional counselors in your area or conduct lunch break devotions for the employees.

## Government

Despite the perceived "separation of church and state" issue which is oftentimes misunderstood, your church is a viable member of the community and your local government needs you to be involved. You can invite the mayor, city council, fire/police chief and other elected leaders to a Sunday morning service in which you will honor them for their service to the community. Your church can adopt a section of roadway to keep it clean. You can provide volunteers for events such as fairs, carnivals and festivals to assist in any way that would be helpful. Your church can serve as a polling place for elections.

## Civic Groups

Virtually every community has civic organizations such as the Rotary, Kiwanis and Chamber of Commerce groups which meet on a regular basis. You can join these groups and develop relationships with some of the key leaders in your city. Your church could offer to host the meetings, provide refreshments or even offer financial assistance for efforts which align with shared values.

## Home School Networks

Your church is strategically positioned to partner with home school networks by providing class rooms and educational space. Many churches are empty during the week so this is a perfect opportunity for the facilities to be used for purposes beyond worship services. By opening your building to a home school network, you will automatically be introducing your church to dozens of families with children whom you may have never otherwise met.

## Hospitals

Each hospital needs volunteers to deliver flowers to the patients' rooms, assist in the gift shop, provide snacks to the families in the waiting rooms and serve as chaplains. Your church can make a tremendous impact upon hurting people by serving in your local hospital as you extend the healing ministry of Jesus in various ways.



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