



Stake Emergency Preparedness & Self-Reliance

Quarterly Newsletter

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EVENT	SPRING 2023 (APR.-JUL.)	FALL 2023 (SEPT. – DEC.)
Application Deadline	Mar. 28	Aug. 22
Last Day to Accept Offer of Admission	Apr. 12	Sept. 6
Courses Start	Apr. 17	Sept. 11
Courses End	Week of July 17	Week of Dec. 11

[Informational Brochure \(click here\)](#)

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Website (sign up): byupathway.org

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Spiritual Insights

- Preparation, both spiritual and temporal, can dispel fear
- "...if ye are prepared ye shall not fear " (Doctrine and Covenants 38:30).
- “The need for preparation is abundantly clear. The great blessing of being prepared gives us freedom from fear” (Elder L. Tom Perry)

JUSTSERVE

Often around the holiday season we find ourselves looking for ways to serve and give back to our communities. JustServe.org is a great place to start when looking for opportunities. Some may ask, what is JustServe.org? JustServe is a community service initiative to help people follow the Savior's admonition to "love thy neighbor as thyself" by providing a platform where the entire community can find volunteer opportunities to assist those in need and enhance the quality of life in the community. Many wonderful opportunities for our area can be found by visiting justserve.org.

What is JustServe?

- *JustServe.org is a website where the volunteer needs of organizations may be posted and volunteers may search for places to serve in the community, providing opportunities to help those in need and enhance the quality of life in the community.*
- *JustServe is a service to help link community volunteer needs with volunteers and does not discriminate based on race, religion, gender, ethnicity, or sexual orientation in posting projects or in encouraging volunteers to serve according to our [guidelines](#).*

Giving Machines | KC 

An easy way to give to local and global charities this Christmas!
Nov 16, 2022 - Jan 1, 2023 | Crown Center




 MAYOR'S
CHRISTMAS TREE
ASSOCIATION


 Children's Mercy
KANSAS CITY


 JVS
Jewish vocational service
EMERGE | ENCOURAGE | EMPower


 KC shepherd's
center


 VETERANS
COMMUNITY PROJECT


 RECONCILIATION
SERVICES


 UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency


 AFRICAN
HOPE
GIRLS FOUNDATION

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Families are also invited to visit the Giving Machines located at Crown Center this holiday season. Giving Machines will launch November 16th and be available through January 1, 2023.



The Blessings of Family Work Projects

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When I got married, I wanted to achieve three goals: use work as a means of “growing children”; see that they did not have too much free time; and prepare our children to effectively serve the Lord.

It wasn't long until we were offered an opportunity to collate and distribute advertising materials to 5,000 homes. We worked at the project after school, in the evenings, and on Saturdays. Everyone was involved in collating several pieces of advertising materials. Mom or dad assisted by driving the children to different locations and offering encouragement.

The project was repeated several times. Our children were beginning to earn money, and we learned that we could have fun together while working.

After a couple of years, we graduated from advertising packets to telephone directories. During several summers, we loaded up our station wagon with books and children. The days were hot, the hours were long, some streets were hard to find, some addresses couldn't be found, the books were heavy, some driveways were long and went uphill,



some dogs were mean; but we had fun. Sometimes two children would go to a home, one to play with the dog and the other to take the books.

At the end of a day's work, there were stories to tell, experiences to laugh at, accomplishments to brag about—and no one had any trouble sleeping. Yes, we were having fun and experiencing a sense of accomplishment.

Our next project began when our oldest son started mowing lawns the year before his mission. That first year he did most of the work himself and occasionally took a younger brother with him. The next year dad decided to get involved, since none of the younger boys had drivers' licenses. We advertised, gave bids, received referrals, and increased the number of our customers.

One might ask why we do all of these things. The obvious answers are: (1) all of our teenagers have sizeable missionary funds; (2) all of our children over eleven know they will have a job; (3) no Sunday work is involved; (4) the children have learned valuable skills; (5) they are learning to budget their resources and to distinguish between wants and needs; and (6) as their father, I have had many wonderful teaching moments with them as we have worked side by side.

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But these are not all. There are values that are often hard to describe but are real. A couple of Sundays ago the boys sat down at the direction of their mother and wrote what they felt the values were of working together as a family.

An eighteen-year-old boy writes, “Since I can remember, I have been taught the value of hard work and honoring all of your responsibilities and your family name. As I look back to my experience in family projects, I can see how they have shaped my character and personality by letting me make many important decisions. I have gained confidence by meeting new people and am better able to express myself. But the most important thing about family work projects is that your family comes closer together in love and respect.”

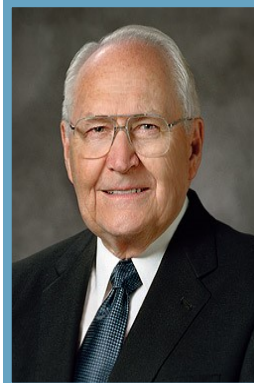
A thirteen-year-old who has been mowing lawns for four years writes, “Family projects have really helped me to understand how to work. The harder you work, the better you feel. I am grateful for a closer relationship with my brothers and parents.”

A sixteen-year-old said, “Working on family projects has taught us the importance of being honest and dependable. It has taught us to make a lot of sacrifices in order to keep our name in good standing.”

And finally, our fifteen-year-old said, “The

family work projects have helped me manage my money. When I buy my clothes and other things, I take care of them because I know how much they cost and how much work it takes to buy them. When my parents bought my things, I honestly thought there was an endless supply of money, so I wouldn’t take care of them. Also, work gives me a feeling of satisfaction—and a great tan.”

May I add my own feelings. Our family work has become a big factor in bringing a higher degree of love, peace, and unity into our home. Many neighbors have commented on how much our children really enjoy each other. I am amazed as I witness our children stretching in their tender years toward self-reliance. Yes, work is a spiritual and essential principle.



“From the very beginning, the Lord commanded Adam to till the earth and have dominion over the beasts of the field, to eat his bread by the sweat of his brow. I have always been interested in how often the scriptures have admonished us to cease to be idle and to be productive in all of our labors. ... Teaching children the joy of honest labor is one of the greatest of all gifts you can bestow upon them.”

The Joy of Honest Labor

By Elder L. Tom Perry

Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

General Conference

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I bear testimony that family work, when combined with family prayer and family scripture study, will do much to secure the blessings of heaven for families on earth. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

~Jarman

Self-Reliance Services

What is Self-Reliance?

“Self-reliance is the ability, commitment, and effort to provide the spiritual and temporal necessities of life for self and family” (Handbook 2: Administering the Church[2010], 6.1.1).

President Thomas S. Monson has counseled, “[Self-reliance] is an essential element in our spiritual as well as our temporal well-being.” (“Guiding Principles of Personal and Family Welfare,” Ensign, Sept. 1986, 3)

12 Principles of Self-Reliance

The Lord has declared, “It is my purpose to provide for my saints” (D&C 104:15). This revelation is a promise that the Lord will provide temporal blessings and open the door of self-reliance. He has also declared that “it must needs be done in [His] way” (D&C 104:16). To receive the blessings of self-reliance, we must accept and live the principles of self-reliance, which include the following:

Exercise Faith in Jesus Christ (D&C 104:15)

Use Time Wisely (Alma 34:32)

Be Obedient (D&C 130:20–21)

Manage Money (D&C 104:78)

Work: Take Responsibility (D&C 42:42; 2 Nephi 2:16, 26)

Solve Problems (Ether 2:18–19, 23; 3:1, 4)

Become One, Work Together (Moses 7:18; D&C 104:15–17)

Communicate: Petition and Listen (D&C 8:2)

Persevere (Hebrews 12:1; D&C 58:4)

Show Integrity (Mosiah 4:28; Job 27:5; Articles of Faith 1:13)

Seek Learning and Education (D&C 88:118–119)

Stay On Task, Receive Ordinances (D&C 84:20; D&C 136:4; 1 Nephi 18:2–3)

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