



IDW Mission Grant Evaluation Report Form

Grant recipients are to complete and submit the report form within one month of the completion of the effort. If this is a continuing ministry, please submit a report by January 31st of the following year, in which the grant is received. Include pictures/videos that help share the story with other congregations to encourage them in their own ministry. Final grant funds will be sent upon receipt of this evaluation.

Contact Person, Congregation, and email address:

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1. Please provide a brief overview of the effort:

We provided meals and events for the seniors 2 times per month. At the events we have had activities including exercise and games along with different speakers from the community. We have also provided a meal at each event.

2. What goals were established for this effort and what did you hope to accomplish?

Absolutely! A member of the congregation identified a need and brought it to our attention. That member has been instrumental in leading the charge for this event. Inviting other seniors and passing out prayer books and The Story books to those who attend and he invites. This member has also got the Norwalk Park and Rec Seniors exercise class moved from another church to our church. We now have exercise class for the seniors every Monday and Wednesday along with opening the gym on Fridays for walking during the cool winter months.

3. Did you achieve your goals? If not, what do you think were some of the contributing factors?

Absolutely! This is the example I point to for other members to use an outreach event to be a disciple. A member is meeting a need in the community and also being an ongoing champion for the need in the community.

4. Is there anything you would do differently if you were to undertake this effort again?

No

5. What lessons were learned through this effort?

Listening to the needs of the community that a congregation member identified. As far as the events we had very little issues and adapted as needed.

6. Will this outreach effort continue and be sustaining? Did a new outreach opportunity present itself?

YES! We are planning a Christmas event for the seniors and community and looking at how we can offer the things the community needs through this outreach. As long as we have champions to lead the charge this outreach effort will be a great resource for the community and its seniors.

7. What suggestions would you give to a congregation considering a similar effort?

The success of this outreach event was centered on the wiliness of a congregation member to be the champion for this event and also used every opportunity to invite and give out resources to those who attend to grow their faith and possible visit the church.