

THRIVE OPPORTUNITIES 2023-2024

*How to Partner and Volunteer as a Church, group or individual
throughout the year with Thrive*

FALL / WINTER

- August
 - Fall Training Meals: Cook or Cater a meal to support our staff and interns as they train and prepare for the school year at Thrive
 - ***Still in need for August 17th!***
- September
- October
 - Fall Fest! Come run a station at our annual Fall Fest
 - Thrive New Hopewell, Lonsdale, Papermill, Parkridge - pick the neighborhood you serve in and sign up for a responsibility or to bring supplies, snacks, food to help us throw a FUN carnival for Thrive students!
 - ***October 27th***
- November
 - Thanksgiving: Help us create a beautiful and special Thanksgiving meal for our Thrive family! Family dinners happen at each site and we have needs for sides, desserts, and turkeys to feed our students. Sign up to supply something special from your own kitchen.
 - **November 21st**
 - *Thanksgiving Boxes: Does your church do Thanksgiving Baskets/Boxes? Choose Thrive to give those to! Our families can use the extra support!*
- December
 - Light Up Lonsdale! Involve your Youth Group in one of the most magical nights of the year! Come worship with Thrive Community, eat Central American cuisine prepared by our local community, and spread the light of Christ through decorating one of the buildings in Lonsdale with Christmas lights.
 - **November 29th**
 - Christmas Store: Come serve as an individual or a family by helping with our annual Christmas Store! This opportunity involves a few hours of your time, getting paired one-on-one with a Thrive student, and helping them budget their “Thrive bucks”

earned by good behavior to shop for their family members in a store that Thrive creates! You can also greatly support us by donating (year round!) to the Christmas store- we collect only new items that you would gift your own child or family member and we often are lacking in dad gifts, mom gifts and teen sibling gifts!

- **December 11th-14th**
- Christmas Morning: Get your entire church family involved with an amazing opportunity to connect individually with a Thrive Student through the gift of Christ! Similar to Angel Tree, take Thrive Christmas Morning cards to distribute to your church members and have them sign up to become a pen pal and build a relationship beyond giving a Christmas gift with one child from our programs! Our hope is that this relationship can develop into an opportunity for you to share why you bought a Christmas gift for a stranger- That while we were still far off, He loved us, and gave us what we never deserved, freely and abundantly- life to the full, life with Jesus!
- **December 15th**
- January
 - Winter Training Meals: Cook or Cater a meal to support our staff and interns as they train and prepare for the Spring Semester at Thrive.
 - **January 17th, 18th, 19th**
- February
 - Sponsor a Thrive Upper student to go on our annual Ski Trip! This is such an important time for us to go have an adventure with our students, bond with them, and encourage them in their walk with Jesus. Sponsoring a kid costs \$150.
 - **Dates to be announced**

SPRING / SUMMER

- March
- April
 - Passover Seder Meal: Sign up to help prepare our special annual Seder Meal. This is a unique opportunity for us to be able to go deeper with Thrive students in explaining the significance of the Easter season, learning about Christ being the perfect sacrifice for our sins.
 - **Dates to be announced**
- May
 - End of Year Parties!: Come help us celebrate as most of our locations host end of year picnics or different parties to celebrate another year with Thrive.
 - Best Day Ever: Thrive Parkridge hosts a community wide event each year called "The Best Day Ever"! Come be a part by signing up to do face painting, games or activities

where kids get to have the best day ever!

- **Dates to be Announced**
- June
 - Summer Electives: Sign up to lead an elective with Thrive Summer! This is a commitment to lead a specific activity or “summer track” for 6 consecutive weeks through our summer program. Ideas include: water games, gardening, animal exploration, soccer/sports, yoga, etc.
 - Summer Pancake Breakfasts: Sign up with a youth group or small group to come every Wednesday and make a special breakfast for Thrive ! This is a unique opportunity where your group can serve in a tangible way and also spend quality time with students and start to build relationships over the course of the summer! This is a great launching point for high school students to become regular volunteers in their communities.
- July
 - Ongoing summer opportunities! (Same as June opportunities)

ONGOING

- Meal Donations: The Thrive Kitchen cooks for upwards of 260 people each weekday! This is an incredible feat and takes a lot of resources and manpower! Would you like to relieve our kitchen staff by providing a meal once a week or once a month to one of our sites? This would be a huge blessing to our programming and is a great opportunity for individuals, families, small groups and youth groups to get involved with Thrive.
- Tutoring: Interested in coming weekly to help our students excel in math and reading? We have a need for tutors to invest in students K-12th grade levels.
- Elective Volunteer: Each week we have volunteers who sign up to lead activities with our students to allow them to experience something new! Do you have a special skill or talent you would like to share? Come be paired with a small group of students and our staff will help guide you through leading an elective! *This is a one time commitment but if you love it, we highly encourage you to come regularly as this is an amazing opportunity for you to be consistent and build relationships with students at Thrive.

Want to go ahead and get some of these things on your calendar? Contact JoBeth Hill at volunteer@helpusthrive.com and let us know what you and your church would like to do to partner with Thrive this upcoming year!!