



**CITYSERVE**  
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**NEEDS MET.**

**PRAYERS ANSWERED.**

**LIVES TRANSFORMED.**

**1 in 10 Americans face  
hunger every day.**

**40% of all food produced  
in America is wasted.**

**Nearly 40% of American households  
cannot afford basic necessities.**

**Over 63 million Americans  
do not follow Christ.**

**You can help us change  
these statistics.**



## ABOUT US

CityServe is a collaborative group of churches and Christian organizations working together to enable transformation in our state. We have created an innovative model of connecting with those in need by freely providing food, home goods, clothing, and other necessities given by retail organizations. We believe that when needs are met, relationships can be built and lives transformed.

Churches and Christian organizations are in the unique position of knowing the greatest needs in their communities. With the resources and products donated by local retail organizations and distributed by CityServe Michigan, they are able to share the love of Christ by meeting those needs.

## MISSION

Needs met. Prayers answered. Lives transformed.

CityServe aims to meet immediate needs in Michigan communities while also implementing sustainable change for a better future. We receive products from retailers and place them freely into the hands of people who need them the most through local churches and Christian organizations. The single parent that works two jobs to put food on the table, the college student who has fallen on hard times, the elderly widow who has never stepped foot in a church—everyone is eligible to receive products with no strings attached.

**Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon. The Lord will guide you continually, giving you water when you are dry and restoring your strength. You will be like a well-watered garden, like an ever-flowing spring. Some of you will rebuild the deserted ruins of your cities. Then you will be known as a builder of walls and a restorer of homes. Isaiah 58:10-12 (NLT)**



## HISTORY

CityServe was started in Bakersfield, California in 2018. Pastor Wendall Vinson and Dave Donaldson saw that there were many needs in their community. They knew the answer was a faith-based outreach that could provide for the basic needs of their community.

CityServe has expanded throughout Arkansas, California, Florida, Nevada, Oklahoma, and now in Michigan. Over \$582,800,000 resources have been delivered to over 35 million people in need.

“There are broken people in our neighborhoods with great needs and very little resources. Meanwhile, our country’s overproduction of material goods places the environment and landfills at risk. CityServe connects these resources to the most needy instead of wasting it and our environment.” – CityServe California Executive Director, Karl Hargestam.

## THE LOCAL CHURCH

The church was established to display God's glory and share His love. God works through the local church to accomplish His mission in every community. We know that it is important to be in partnership with the local church and Christian organizations because they mean so much to God and the community. Therefore, the local church serves as an ideal venue for CityServe to facilitate the achievement of its mission of meeting needs, answering prayers, and transforming lives.

**“CityServe Michigan embraces compassion evangelism by equipping and training the local church to reach their community by helping those who are hurting, lost, and in need with tangible items. Please partner with us to empower every believer to engage people with the gospel.”**

- Pastor Sam Rijfkogel

## HOW IT WORKS

**A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great. Proverbs 18: 16 (NIV)**

CityServe works with retailers and suppliers to distribute products through the local church. We equip the church to further serve their community and offer hope in the name of Jesus Christ. The members of the local church have the opportunity to gift the donated products to meet the practical and spiritual needs of their neighbor.

### HUB

A Hub is a church or Christian organization with the capacity to be a warehouse distribution center of food, apparel, and household items to local churches or Christian organizations (Pods).

### POD

A Pod is a local church or Christian organization in covenant with CityServe. They receive products from their assigned Hub and equip their Heroes to meet the practical and spiritual needs of their neighborhoods.

### HERO

A Hero is an individual mobilized by their Pod to give the donated products to those in need. The gift provides opportunities for the Hero to build relationships and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**“Find a need and fill it.”**

- Pastors Sam and Brenda Rijkogel

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Jesus has entrusted His Church with the message of hope. There is no better way to live out this message than by responding to the needs of those who need it most. There are two ways you can help us achieve our goals of providing for those in need and spreading the Gospel: volunteer and give.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **HUB**

**Tasks:**

- **Moving pallets with forklift or pallet jacks**
- **Sorting products**
- **Removing labels from products**
- **Packaging pallets with pods**

If you have an interest or skillset of unloading semi-trucks, driving a forklift, sorting, or packaging pallets, then we have an area for you to volunteer.

### **POD**

**Tasks:**

- **Sorting products**
- **Inventory of products**
- **Repairing products**
- **Packaging pallets with products**

If you have an interest or skillset for sorting products, taking inventory, or maybe even have a knack for repairing items, then we have an area for you to volunteer.

### **HERO**

**Tasks:**

- **Delivering products**
- **Building relationships**

If you have a heart for compassion ministry then we have an opportunity for you. At the center of CityServe is a Hero. As a Hero you will be resourced with variety of household items and everyday essential products to personally deliver to those that you know in need.

**To volunteer, please fill out a volunteer questionnaire at [cityservemi.com](http://cityservemi.com).**

## INITIATIVES

CityServe provides the capacity, systems, and resources to reach Michigan communities. Our collaborative network of local churches, Christian organizations, and supply partners are resourcing and empowering churches to meet needs, bring hope, and see the lost redeemed in Jesus across ten specific areas of community engagement.

### **The Hungry**

For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. Matthew 25:35 (NLT)

### **The Orphan**

Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world. James 1:27 (NKJV)

### **The Widow**

Father to the fatherless, defender of widows—this is God, whose dwelling is holy. Psalm 68:5 (NLT)

### **The Poor**

If you help the poor, you are lending to the LORD—and he will repay you! Proverbs 19:17 (NLT)

### **The Addicted**

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me, for the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed. Isaiah 61:1 (NLT)

### **The Exploited**

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed. Proverbs 31:8 (NLT)

## The Prisoner

I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me..."And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'" Matthew 25:36, 40 (NLT)

## The Vulnerable

The LORD is a shelter for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. Psalm 9:9 (NLT)

## The Unreached

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19 (NLT)

## Israel

I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you. Genesis 12:3 (NLT)



## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Give to see a radical transformation in our communities.

Choose the best giving option for you:

### **One Time Gift**

Make a one time donation of any amount to support the start-up and ongoing expenses of CityServe Michigan.

### **Recurring Gift**

Set up a recurring gift to become a partner with CityServe Michigan.

### **Truck Load Sponsorship (\$2,500)**

Your \$2,500 truckload sponsorship will deliver \$65,000 worth of products to the neighborhoods who need it the most.

### **Corporate Sponsorship**

CityServe Michigan partners with corporations and local businesses to help make a difference in our communities.

## WAYS TO GIVE

### **Online**

[app.securegive.com/GRFirst/CityServeMi](https://app.securegive.com/GRFirst/CityServeMi)

### **Text to Give**

616-604-4000 Keyword "City" [\$XXX]

### **Mail Designated Gift**

CityServe Michigan, 2100 44th St SW, Wyoming, MI 49519



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