



2026

Serving as a Family *Resource Guide*

SOJOURN
EAST

Re:Center Ministries



Mission Statement

We reconcile homeless and hurting people to God, family, and community by the power of Christ in partnership with the local church.

Contact

Website: recenterministries.org

Contact: Becca Miller

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Hear from Becca Miller about best ways for families to serve at Re:Center

Providing a Meal

The best way for families or small groups to serve either once or on a regular basis is by providing a meal. You can find more information in [our volunteer description](#). This is an opportunity for both our emergency services as well as our residential services. You can reach out to me directly with questions and can apply to serve [here](#).

Adopt-A-Month

I also want to mention another way for Sojourn East to be connected with us that we have just launched this year. This would be more of a church-wide opportunity, but maybe still a good way for families to be involved. We are looking for a different church to "adopt" a specific month of the year to host a supply drive. We will provide flyers with information about what to collect, who we are, and how we serve, and are available to come present if so desired. There is also an opportunity for people to come down to our building for a tour and see firsthand where their giving is going. I have linked information [here](#) about this opportunity as well.

Refuge International

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Mission Statement

Refuge International exists to glorify God by partnering with local churches to love refugees and immigrants.

Contact

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Contact: Becca Conner becca@refugeintl.org

“Come Alongside!” Service Project

*SATURDAY,
MARCH 21, 2026
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM*

Iglesia del Nazareno Al Estilo de la Cruz
12519 Dixie Hwy, Louisville, KY 40272

Join us as we “come alongside” a Cuban pastor’s family and their immigrant church. We will seek to meet practical needs in their church building through a service project. Following this, we have the joy of cultural exchange through sharing a meal and fellowshiping together with brothers and sisters in the immigrant church. This event would be great for families with kids in junior or senior high to come and serve together!

“Storying the Gospel through Henna”

*TUESDAY,
APRIL 21, 2026
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM*

Refuge International’s Office
5590 Bruce Ave Louisville, KY 40214

Our third annual “Storying the Gospel through Henna” CLO will equip women with a useful and beautiful tool for sharing the gospel with Muslim women from Central, South, and East Asia. We will learn about how henna is used in other cultures, practice a design that shares a Bible story, and conclude the evening in prayer for women from Asia and the Middle East who need to hear the gospel. This is a great event for moms and daughters to attend!

“Come Alongside!” Refugee Simulation & Testimony

*SATURDAY,
MAY 9, 2026
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM*

Southeast Christian Church, Southern Indiana
1309 Charlestown New Albany Rd, Jeffersonville, IN 47130

Join us in learning to “come alongside” your neighbors through a refugee simulation facilitated by Refuge staff. We will also glean from hearing a refugee believer’s testimony of the Lord’s saving and sustaining grace in their personal experience as a refugee.

Welcome Baskets: Welcome Baskets allow various church groups (e.g., student, women’s, or community) to pack a laundry basket full of supplies and expressions of love for a newly-arrived immigrant family. You can find out more information [here](#).

Eastern Area Community Ministries



Mission Statement

The mission of EACM is to partner with people in need or crisis and to equip and support them in achieving life-long stability and dignity. EACM provides help and services to those living east of the Watterson Expressway and north of Interstate 64 which includes the following zip codes: 40018, 40027, 40059, 40222, 40223, 40241, 40242, 40243, 40245

Contact

Website: <https://www.eacmonline.org/>

Contact: Erin Johnson ejohnson@eacmonline.org

Hear from Erin Johnson on ways families can serve together at EACM

There are many ways families can serve together in our community. They can organize a food or diaper drive at church, work, or school to support the families we serve. If families would like to volunteer on-site together, we have opportunities in our food pantry sorting and stocking food.

We also offer special one-time projects such as writing thank-you cards, helping with beautification projects inside our building, or assisting with seasonal needs. These opportunities are especially great during Spring Break, school holidays, or over the summer when kids can volunteer alongside their parents.

St. Matthews Area Ministries (St. MAM)



Mission Statement

By pulling together, St. MAM is creating a brighter future for the entire community. Pulling together to prevent homelessness, to feed the hungry, to care for children and to provide purpose and community.

Contact

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Hear from Julie Abbott on ways families can serve together at St. MAM:

March 2026

- Women's History Month Feminine Drive (Begins March 1)
- March Madness Bracket Challenge (March 1–16)
- Golf Classic Registration & Sponsorship opens (March 5)
- Trivia Night at Tin Roof (March 24)

April 2026

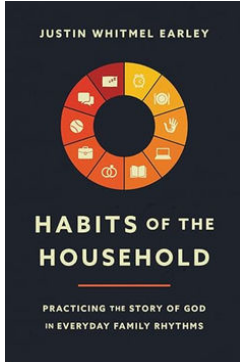
- Pool Party Registration opens (April 1)
- Infant Care Essentials Drive (April 14)
- St. MAM Baby Sprinkle (April 20)

May 2026

- USPS Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive (May 9)
- St. MAM–St. Matthews Baseball Week (May 10–16)
- Kentucky Gives (May 12)

For more details, please visit www.stmam.com or contact Julie Abbott.

Resources from Chelsea Slevin

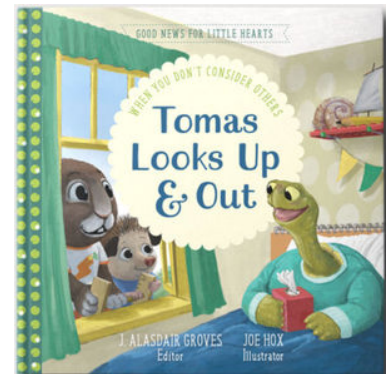


Habits of the Household

by Justin Earley

Tomas Looks Up & Out: When You Don't Consider Others

by J. Alasdair Groves and Joe Hox

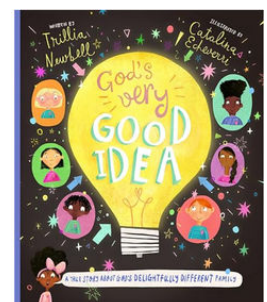


The Big Wide Welcome: A True Story About Jesus, James, and a Church That Learned to Love All Sorts of People

by Trillia J. Newbell and Catalina Echeverri

God's Very Good Idea Storybook: A True Story of God's Delightfully Different Family

by Trillia J. Newbell and Catalina Echeverri



Resources from Audra Bridges



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84 Ways to Serve as a Family.

connectedfamilies.org

Serving as a Family.

focusonthefamily.com



Teaching Empathy: The Power of Service in Your Family.

focusonthefamily.com

