

Community Service Projects...Imagine Team-Building with Meaning

Imagine this. When you wake up every morning, you look forward to going to work. You know the people there think as you do. They are committed. They are dedicated. They are generous with their skill and expertise. They are a team. A cohesive team can make an office a harmonious, rewarding place to work. But building that team takes effort and commitment from everyone.

What if your office could come together for a project that not only strengthened your team but let each of you experience the heartwarming rewards of unconditional giving? It happens every day. Team-building with meaning is making a comeback. Putting your unique abilities to work helping others who are less fortunate invariably has a positive impact on givers as well as receivers. When co-workers work toward a common service goal, the human beings behind the professionals emerge, barriers fall and teams blossom. You begin to know one another better as you get a very real sense of the fulfillment that comes from knowing you have worked together to help others. Service projects are team-building events with a difference. Imagine knowing you are working alongside others who share your values and dedication to making the world a better place.

From Habitat for Humanity to Keep America Beautiful, opportunities for team-building through community service abound, but for local dental offices one organization is perhaps more appropriate than any other. The CASS (Central Arizona Shelter Services) Dental Clinic for the Homeless relies on hundreds of volunteers and students to provide quality, comprehensive dental care to children, families and adults within the homeless population. These are people in desperate need of dental care, care that you and your co-workers are so very well qualified to provide. Imagine the lingering joy in bringing healthy, happy smiles to people who have learned to believe no one cares about their well-being.

Earlier this year, CASS began a “clinic within a clinic” program when it opened its Children’s Dental Clinic to serve homeless children and young adults. The CASS Children’s Dental Clinic provides its young patients with everything from the most basic dental treatment to specialized pediatric dentistry. For some, a visit to this clinic is their very first trip to the dentist. Imagine being there to help make that experience a positive one.

Although the CASS Dental Clinic has hundreds of volunteers—dental professionals and specialists in every area of dentistry—the need is still huge. Working with patients whose gratitude is boundless is truly an opportunity for any dental office to bond on a level far above the everyday. Imagine improving life for homeless children while you get to know your co-workers on a deeper level.

Keep in mind, whether you lend your expertise as a team to the homeless, build houses for the needy or choose another group activity, community service projects can improve communication in your office and move your team to a whole new level of creativity, productivity, and camaraderie. Imagine the possibilities.