

# Charleston Convoy of Hope<sup>®</sup> Church Information Packet

## What is the Convoy of Hope outreach?

**A Convoy of Hope outreach is intended to envision, equip, and empower the Church to meet the spiritual *and* physical needs of families living in human suffering.** It is a collaborative effort between churches, businesses, and community organizations to do together what each one could never do alone. As a result of the outreach, recipients are connected with churches and organizations that, collectively, have the people, resources, and programs needed to help.

On the day of the outreach, approximately 1,000 volunteers will distribute free groceries to guests and provide health services, community services, job fair, live entertainment, games and activities for children, prizes and giveaways, and much more. Recipients will also have opportunity to hear the gospel and receive prayer for personal needs.

In addition to the day of the outreach, a long-term commitment will be made to new converts through the AfterCare program. AfterCare churches will do acts of kindness, disciple new converts, and connect new converts to the people, resources, and programs that can help them.

## Who is sponsoring the outreach?

The outreach is sponsored by evangelical churches, businesses, organizations, and Convoy of Hope.

## What are the benefits?

One of the greatest benefits, according to pastors, is seeing their people lay aside the spirit of fear as they discover recipients are simply regular people with a tremendous need. Here are additional benefits to a Convoy of Hope outreach:

- Unity among churches
- Mobilization and training of laity
- Increased awareness of community needs
- Conversion growth for AfterCare churches
- Positive media exposure
- Increased credibility and opportunity in the community

## What is the date and location of the outreach?

The outreach will take place on **Saturday, October 10, 2009.**

## How can our church be involved?

Your church can serve as a Community Partner or, if you are located outside the target community, as a Community Partner Ally. You can also contribute equipment, supplies, and/or finances, mobilize leaders, pray for the outreach, recruit volunteers, and help with site setup. *To get involved, contact GordonCashwell, Outreach Director at (843) 958- 0703, 568- 8962, or [gcashwell3@cs.com](mailto:gcashwell3@cs.com).*

## **Be a Community Partner/ Without Walls Participant**

Adopt residents in one or more communities to get acquainted with them, pray for them, invite them to the outreach, minister to them in the Prayer Tent, and provide Follow- Up for new converts.

- **Get acquainted with residents** by doing acts of kindness.
- **Pray for residents** regularly as a congregation.
- **Invite residents to the outreach** after taking a few weeks to get acquainted.
- **Minister to residents in the Prayer Tent** on the day of the outreach.
- **Provide Follow-up for new converts** that were lead to Christ by members of your congregation.

**IMPORTANT:** Community Partners are required to appoint a qualified AfterCare Coach and recruit AfterCare Workers. AfterCare coaches and workers must attend one AfterCare Training Meeting. See *Summary of Important Dates* on page 3 for training dates, times, and locations.

## **Be a Community Partner Ally/ Without Walls Participant**

**If your church is located outside the target community but within the greater population area, consider being a Community Partner Ally.** Jesus calls believers to be witnesses in their “Jerusalem,” “Judea,” “Samaria,” and “to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8). You can serve in your “Judea” or “Samaria” by helping, supporting, and assisting Community Partner churches with *their* acts of kindness, door-to-door invitations, ministry in Family Services, and AfterCare.

## **Make a financial leadership gift**

Every participating church is asked to consider making a financial investment in the outreach. Churches can invest equipment, supplies, and/or finances. Proverbs 28:27 says, “He who gives to the poor will lack nothing, but he who closes his eyes to them receives many curses.”

## **Mobilize leaders**

Mobilize leaders from your congregation to help with Follow-up, church relations, community services, finance, food procurement, food services, guest services, health services, children’s ministry and carnival, media, prayer, safety, site entertainment, and to help obtain equipment, services, and supplies.

## **Pray for the outreach**

Encourage prayer from the pulpit, in every service, and in your weekly bulletin announcements. Here are several ways you can mobilize your church to pray:

- **5:40 Prayer Time** – Make 5:40 AM and PM Convoy of Hope prayer time. Encourage your congregation to pray one to five minutes everyday at 5:40 AM and/or PM for families in need. .
- **Mealtime Prayer** – Make every mealtime a time to remember those who are hungry and in need.
- **Prayer Reminders** – Distribute prayer reminders to remind your congregation to pray for the outreach and families in need (e.g., lapel pins, ribbons, wristbands, or rubber bands).

## **Recruit volunteers**

Approximately 1,000 volunteers are needed to serve on the day of the outreach. **Help recruit volunteers by actively promoting the outreach!** All volunteers need to attend the Volunteer Rally on Friday, October 9, 2009 at 6:45 PM. **The rally will take place at Faith Assembly in Summerville at 337 Farmington Rd (the access Road on I-26 near Exit 103).** This will be an exciting, high-energy, high-impact kick-off to the outreach that will unify, inspire, and equip volunteers to serve.

**In addition, 100 volunteers are needed for site setup on Wednesday through Friday, October 8 – 10.** Projects will include setting up fencing, chairs, tables, electrical power, promotional banners and signs, parking lots, special construction projects, and more. Lunch will be provided for volunteers.

## **Summary of Important Dates**

### **Without Walls Urban Outreach Training**

**Date: Saturday, August 15**

**Time: 9am - 12 noon**

**Location: Hope Assembly of God, 633 King St. Charleston, SC 29403**

### **Follow- Up Coach Meeting Dates**

**Date: Thursday, September 3 (Lunch provided)**

**Time: 12 noon**

**Location: Calvary Lutheran Church  
1400 Manor Blvd  
Charleston, SC 29407**

**Date: Thursday, September 3**

**Time: 7pm**

**Location: Hope Assembly of God  
633 King St.  
Charleston, SC 29403**

### **Follow- Up Training Dates**

**Date: Monday, September 21**

**Time: 7pm**

**Location: Faith Assembly of God  
337 Farmington Rd.  
Summerville, SC 29483**

**Date: Sunday, September 20**

**Time: 6pm**

**Location: First Assembly of God  
2957 Savannah Hwy.  
Charleston, SC 29414**

**Date: Tuesday, September 22**

**Time: 7 pm**

**Location: Midland Park Ministry Center  
2427 Midland Park Rd.  
N. Charleston, SC 29406**

**Date: Thursday, September 24**

**Time: 7pm**

**Location: Emmanuel Baptist Church  
1440 Folly Rd.  
Charleston, SC 29412**

**Date: Wednesday, September 23**

**Time: 7pm**

**Location: First Baptist Church  
48 Meeting St.  
Charleston, SC 29401**

**Date: Thursday, October 1**

**Time: 6:30 pm**

**Location: Hope Assembly of God  
633 King St.  
Charleston, SC 29403**

### **FLYER DISTRIBUTION:**

**Dates: Saturdays, September 19, 26, and October 3**

**Time: 9am – 12 noon**

**Location: Meet at: Hope Assembly of God  
633 King St.  
Charleston, SC 29403**

**Additional training dates and locations will be added.**

### **Outreach Date**

**Date:** October 10, 2009

**Time:** Gates will open for guests at 9:00 AM

**Volunteers arrive at 7:00 AM at the outreach site**

### **Volunteer Rally**

**Date:** October 9, 2009

**Time:** 6:45 to 8:30 PM

**Location:** Faith Assembly of God- 873- 9128

337 Farmington Rd, Summerville, Access Rd. between Exits 199 and 203.