



CROSSVIEW CHURCH

*OUTREACH PROJECT PROPOSAL GUIDE*

*Everyone has a ministry.*

*What's yours?*

Congratulations!

You are taking the first step in bringing the love of Christ to your community. Even though our world is scary, confusing and overwhelming right now, you are choosing to move forward with optimism and action. I commend you for that!

Let me start by reminding you of something: You have influence. You live, work, play and communicate with people that I may never meet. That Pastor Dan may never meet. And those people may never make it through the doors of Crossview Church. God has placed you in a unique situation and given you ears to hear and eyes to see those around you. Your first step is to have an honest conversation with yourself about what it is God is asking you to pay attention to. Chances are, you already know. Do you weep for the homeless? Does righteous anger bubble up inside you when you see injustice? Do you feel compelled to speak for the unborn, the neglected child, or the marginalized? What is it your heart beats for? The following pages will help you start to explore that.

The next question is, “what does God want me to do about it”? At Crossview Church, we believe that everyone has a ministry. I look forward to helping you discover that ministry and support you in putting it into action!

The pages that follow will help you 1) Name your cause 2) discover your influence 3) gather your resources and 4) put it all into action.

I consider it an honor to walk with you through the process of bringing the love of Jesus to our community and beyond. Take your time in working through this packet. When you are ready, reach out to me at [jen@crossviewrapids.org](mailto:jen@crossviewrapids.org). I have a team of gifted, loving, well-networked world changers that are ready to help equip and empower you. We look forward to helping to make your vision a reality!

Ministering Together,

Jen Oswald

Director of Outreach

## NAME YOUR CAUSE

This section will help you to clarify the population, need or cause you hope to pour into.

**1. Put a check next to all that you would joyfully give time, money and/or resources to help:**

NOTE: Give yourself grace when you choose not to check a box. Realize this doesn't mean you don't care about the issue, just that it is not your top priority at this time.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> The Unborn                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Children in need      | <input type="checkbox"/> Animals                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Women in crisis                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Men in crisis         | <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crisis/unwanted pregnancies      | <input type="checkbox"/> Homelessness          | <input type="checkbox"/> Addictions             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Illness                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Cognitive Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elderly                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Widows                | <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Care            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education/Literacy               | <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement       | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire/First Responders  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation        | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment/Jobs        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human Trafficking/Sexual Assault | <input type="checkbox"/> Global Missions       | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Missions         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration/Beautification       |  |   |

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you, or someone close to you have personal experience with the causes you marked? Take some time to reflect on those experiences and how they might give you a unique understanding of the issue.

3. Do you CURRENTLY have direct contact working or serving within these areas?

4. Do you have any PAST work or volunteer experience working within these areas?

5. Do you have any educational credentials that might be relevant to work in these areas?

6. Are you aware of any other individuals or organizations currently addressing this issue?

7. Do you have specific initiatives in mind to respond to the needs you marked above? Please use this area to give a rough description of your ideas. No concrete plans necessary at this point. Dream big!

## *DISCOVER YOUR INFLUENCE*

Everyone has influence. It's up to you to use it for good!

1. Take stock of the circles you currently travel in. List the people or groups you have regular contact with in the following areas:

NEIGHBORHOOD:

WORK:

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS:

SCHOOL:

SPORTS/LEISURE ACTIVITIES:

CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS:

FRIENDS:

FAMILY:

Chances are, you are surprised by how many people you interact with and how many different spheres of influence you have. With all of them in mind, answer the following:

1. Can you identify anyone on your list that, perhaps, you have had a *negative* influence on? How might you try to reconcile that?

2. For those you have had a positive influence on, what made your interactions positive?

3. Describe a time when you successfully used your influence to bring about change or move a project forward.

4. What initial emotion comes to mind when you think about using your influence? (Fear, skepticism, enthusiasm, etc.)

5. Make a list of a few ideas you could try that would help you see your influence in action. With your spouse, your kids, your co-workers, etc. One example might be convincing your friend group to try a new restaurant with you or an activity you haven't done before.

6. Choose an item from the list and make it happen. How did it go? How did you feel when you successfully used your influence? It may seem small, but little successes end up building your confidence in the long run!

## *GATHER YOUR RESOURCES*

Money is not the only resource needed to bring change. Let's look at what you have available to you.

1. Consider again the people on your list from the previous section. Does anyone have an area of expertise that might be helpful or relevant to you in your efforts?

(EX: lawyer, landlord, teacher, counselor, graphic designer, etc.)

2. Realistically, what kind of time do YOU have to devote to this?

A couple hours per week     Weekend Warrior     This could be a part-time job

I'm all in and will do whatever it takes!

3. Do you have "team members" that have already committed to help?

4. List any material resources you have that are available for use, such as furniture, office supplies, storage space, truck/van, etc. Even if it doesn't seem relevant now, list it!

5. Do you have any organizations committed to joining your efforts?

6. Do you have financial resources available to utilize?

7. Identify your resource gap. What do you know you need, but don't have access to?

## *PUT IT ALL INTO ACTION*

This is the fun part! Let's start to pull your vision together and think about what it will take to make it happen!

1. Describe the project you are considering:

2. Are you aware of any other people or organizations doing something similar?

3. How does this project show the love of Christ?

4. What most excites you about the potential project?

5. What scares you the most about the potential project?

6. How can the Crossview Outreach team be of assistance to you? (provide starter finances, volunteers, promotion, prayer support, etc) It's ok if you're not sure! We can help clarify this.

7. Use the space below for notes and/or questions you have for the outreach team.

Once you've completed this packet, we would love to hear from you! Contact Jen Oswald at [jen@crossviewrapids.org](mailto:jen@crossviewrapids.org) and let me know you're ready to take the next step. No commitment! Just a great opportunity to move along in the process and further develop your ideas. I look forward to hearing from you. Congrats to you for making it a priority to reach those around you with the love of Christ!

