



Volunteer Opportunities

As you know, the 40 Days for life campaign is a completely volunteer effort and relies solely on your participation. Each of us as members of the Body of Christ have been graced with numerous gifts and talents that we can contribute to the vital cause of life. Here are some of the volunteer opportunities that need your participation. Please prayerfully consider how you can be a part of this essential effort.

As you review these areas of need and find opportunity for your participation, please contact Anne Jackson at:

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with your questions, suggestions and ultimately your commitment to serve.

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"¹

Romans 10:14-15 (NIV)

Prayer Warrior



To those who have participated in past campaigns, God bless you, and to those considering participating in the upcoming Fall campaign, God will bless you. Prayer is the heart and soul of the 40 Days for Life campaign. There is nothing else that compares to the power of prayer. On a personal level volunteers should be able to commit to prayer and fasting each day of the 40 day vigil.

Perhaps you will be able to encourage others in your church, Bible study or other Christian assembly to join together and pray during the campaign. Prayer books with liturgies, helpful prayer outlines and suggestions will be made available to everyone.



Vigil Volunteer



The visible portion of the 40 Days for life campaign is the peaceful prayer vigil. Vigil participation is very rewarding and produces powerful results not only in the hearts and minds of those who we are praying for, but our own hearts as well.

Vigil volunteers should be able to commit to at least 1 – one hour shift for prayer at the vigil site per week.

If you find that you have time to just drop by and join in on any day, please do so. Your contribution will not be overlooked by our Father in Heaven. Please seek God's leading in making our commitment to saving lives real by signing up as a vigil participant and prayer warrior. Even if circumstances prevent you from participating in prayer at the vigil site, please let us know that you and any others whom you might encourage will be praying during the campaign.



Vigil Leader



We now have some seasoned veterans who have very sacrificially committed their time and efforts to coordinate their shifts and diligently maintained their presence at the vigil. There is an ongoing need for committed Vigil leaders who are called to lead and encourage others at the prayer vigil.

Vigil leaders should be able to commit to at least 1- two hour shift per week. Assistant Vigil Leaders are also needed who can assist in record keeping and other support.

For those who are a little hesitant to take on the Vigil Leader position, this would be a great opportunity to pair up with a Vigil Leader as an assistant. Anyone with singing skills would be a great encouragement to all the participants. We hope to provide even more support this campaign with improved materials and communications.



Church Contact



The 40 Days for Life campaign in Tacoma has seen some increase in diversity with a number of new churches being represented in participation. This is accomplished mainly by an individual following Gods call to actively network and promote the pro-life message within their church. This can be accomplished as simply as seeking one or two others in your church to participate, asking for your pastor's permission to post flyers or bulletin inserts or coordinating a presentation to your congregation. We now have audio visual equipment that allows us to bring a high quality presentation as well as all the supporting flyers, brochures and other support materials that would help in reaching out to new congregations or increasing participation in churches that are already part of the campaign. Church contacts are central to seeing growth in the campaign. Please consider prayerfully volunteering to be a contact for your church.

Church Outreach



With the help of church contacts, a church outreach volunteer would be able to help in a wide range of activities. Communicating information about the level of interest churches may be responding with and coordinating and delivering support materials, providing or assisting in church presentations, speaking with potential contacts and enlisting new contacts at the many churches in the Tacoma area. There is a vast untapped resource of churches and Christian organizations in the Tacoma area who have not heard of the 40 Days for Life campaign that you can assist in reaching out to.

Community Education



This is an area that the 40 Days for life campaign has not fully capitalized on yet. There is a need for someone to lead in this area by coordinating an effort to get the pro-life message out to the community at large. This can be accomplished by distributing yard signs, distributing door hangers, brochures, bumper stickers, petition drives and any other creative means that a volunteer in this area might be able to contribute that would raise community awareness of the pro-life efforts of the 40 Days for Life campaign. If the community knows that abortions are taking place in their own back yard, and that there are people organized to pray and stand against it, then they can take an active role. Please pray and consider how you could help in this area.



Respect Life Program



In addition to standing “against” abortion, we must stand “for” life. Leaders and volunteers are needed to take the PRO-life message to our churches, youth and community at large. By educating our community on the aspects of the sanctity of life we raise the overall respect for life. Volunteers in this effort can put together informational sessions and distribute pro-life materials such as charts with the stages of life and information of the development of unborn children and how awesome a gift that we are blessed with. There is a special need to bring this message to our youth as well as the adults in our community. Perhaps you can coordinate a presentation for your Sunday school class, Bible study or small group meetings to raise awareness of how precious life is.

Volunteers can also help by promoting a pro-life program as mentioned as well as communicating potential interest, transporting support materials, giving presentations and responding to opportunities to bring this message to anyone who expresses an interest.

Phone Notification



Even with the growth of the internet and E-mail, there are a large number of participants and contacts who rely on us to contact them with information about the 40 Days for life campaign. Without a telephone call, they simply cannot know to participate. This can be a particularly rewarding volunteer position for those who enjoy connecting with their brother and sisters in Christ. We are always looking for more ways to increase communication and this is a vital aspect in keeping everyone informed, encouraged and stimulated to participate. For one person this can be a large task, especially as more and more people express an interest in the 40 Days for Life campaign. With more volunteers we can divide the list up allowing for more time and opportunity to discuss and exchange with others.

Supplies Transfer



Underlying the prayer vigil is a support network of volunteers who transport the various supplies to and from the vigil location. Signs, prayer books and all the associated support materials need to be taken out each day and picked up at the end of the day. For many of the Vigil Leaders or participants this is not feasible. It will require a pickup, SUV or other vehicle that can fit all the supplies. With only a limited number of volunteers to accomplish this, it is a lot to ask. Your help in this area would be very welcome!

Transportation



There is a need for volunteers to coordinate and help transport people to and from the vigil and other activities. This could be as simple as making yourself available to carpool with others during your shift at the

vigil as well as coordinating the overall transportation effort or volunteering to help in transporting volunteers to others shifts. Your help in this area will assure that anyone who is called to participate in the vigil or other events will be able to fulfill their calling.

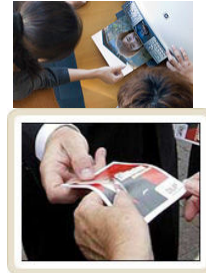


Photo –Video - Graphics



Images are a powerful tool in communicating the pro-life message. We can all think of some image that we have seen that have impacted us in some way. Volunteers who have a desire to participate in the Audio Visual efforts of the 40 Days for Life campaign can

contribute in a number of ways from simply taking some photographs or video footage to video editing, internet presence, producing campaign materials and promotional materials. Your contribution in this area is highly prized. One image can impact thousands.



Media Relations



As part of the community outreach effort, we need to communicate the goals and pro-life message of the 40 Days for Life campaign to both the Christian and secular media. Volunteers in this effort can contribute by helping to expand the potential outlets for media coverage, promoting coverage to existing contacts in print, radio and television media as well as developing deeper contacts within all these organizations. Volunteers are needed to develop and distribute promotional materials such as press releases, Public Service

Announcements and informational communications to all the media available. Additionally a “letter to the editor” campaign would be very effective in communication of personal insights, education and encouragement.

Planning Committee



Hopefully, those who have volunteered to serve in this area will be able to continue to build on past successes, but fresh new insight and input will keep the 40 Days for Life campaign vibrant and Spirit lead. Most of the planning committee has consisted of those who have been serving in one or more of the volunteer areas above. Volunteers in this area should be flexible and committed to contribute in any area that they feel they can help out. Diligence in following through on commitments would be a vital quality to assure a well coordinated effort. If you cannot commit to a full role in planning the campaigns, your input is still valued and coveted. Gods Spirit can speak through you, so do not hesitate to volunteer in this area or offer any suggestions or encouragements that are on your heart. Your input can make a BIG difference!

Food and Events



If you have been involved with the 40 Days for Life campaign, you have probably attended some of the coordinated events such as the Kickoff Rally, the Victory Rally and the end of campaign dinner last campaign or similar events. These events require the efforts of a number of volunteers. From securing a church or venue to host the event, to securing speakers, food, decorations, promotional materials and fund raising, your help is needed.

These events are very encouraging and function well in keeping us all coordinated and united in the common

cause of standing for life. They simply don't work without volunteers like you.



These are just a few of the opportunities that you can volunteer to help out in. You might have some great ideas to help in getting out the pro-life message also. If you have something that you feel might be helpful that you would be willing to work on or promote, God can use YOU! Please contact Anne at:

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And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Col 3:17