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Calvary connects volunteers, needs

Calvary Presbyterian Church has initiated "Calvary Connects," a new program to expand the number of members involved in volunteering for community service.

During September, more than 250 people signed up to perform a few hours of community service at 16 different agencies between September 16 and October 11.

Volunteers are taking on a wide variety of activities, including:

- cooking and serving a meal for the families of seriously ill children at the Ronald McDonald House
- gardening for a morning in the AIDS Memorial Grove at Golden Gate Park
- stocking shelves and sorting food donations one evening at the San Francisco Food Bank
- decorating cards for food trays for patients at California Pacific Medical Center.

"This is the first time the church has brought together this variety of volunteer opportunities all at one time," said Mary Rhoads, who chairs the group organizing the volunteers. "It has been really inspiring to see whole families sign up to work together at the Food Bank or at one of the parks, or to see people who have never volunteered before join with others to fix a meal at Ronald McDonald House."

Many of the church's members already volunteer year-round at various agencies in the community. "Calvary Connects" is a special effort to recruit more volunteers.