

# SF City Impact – Tenderloin District

Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday December 16<sup>th</sup>

Join us as we embark on our annual trip up to serve with a humble heart and invest the first days of our Christmas Break reaching out to and interacting with residents who are in a bad state. We all need to strive for a Philippians 2 type of humility that Jesus had, making Himself nothing.

## Opportunities to Serve (see handout for more details)

- Rescue Mission / Food Bank
- Adopt a Building – Meal Deliveries
- City Academy
- Women’s Ministry
- Street Ministry
- TL Revive
- Thrift Store
- Kitchen
- Volunteer Center / Administration

## Tentative Schedule

### Thursday

10:00 am Load vehicles  
10:10 am Leave to SF  
11:15 am Lunch @ In N Out, Morgan Hill  
Noon Leave  
1:30 pm Arrive SF City Impact / Orientation  
2:00 pm Ministry Opportunities  
6:00 pm Dinner  
7:00 pm Street Ministry  
9:30 pm Team Time (free time)  
10:30 pm Lights Out

### Friday

8:00 am Breakfast  
9:00 am Ministry Opportunities  
Noon Lunch  
1:00 pm Ministry Opportunities  
5:00 pm Leave  
6:30 pm Dinner @ Chipotle/FiveGuys  
8:30 pm Arrive @ TCHS (estimate)

**COST:** \$100 per person due Monday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> (includes 3 meals & housing & transportation. Please bring \$20 for a lunch and a dinner.) \$20 late fee after Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> but before Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. There is a non-refundable \$20 registration fee included per person.

### What to bring:

At least \$20 for two meals  
Sleeping Bag + Pillow  
Toiletries  
Towel

Warm, layered, modest, simple clothing for a wide range of activities. Evenings can be cold.  
Bible, pen & paper /journal

Do not expect to have use of a shower

Do not use mobile devices during ministry time. Only use electronics with permission or in cases of emergency.

Sleeping Pad is optional (they do have cots / pads)

Does City Impact have a dress code?

Modest dress is very important in this community, both in staying covered up as well as not wearing expensive items. We'd rather not draw that sort of attention in this community. Please refrain from wearing low cut or spaghetti strapped tops, yoga pants or shorts that are too revealing. We also ask you to wear closed toe shoes, not flip flops or slippers. Leave any of your expensive, flashy items at home. Please check San Francisco weather before you come.

Is the Tenderloin safe?

The Tenderloin district (where we will be going) is one of the worst areas in San Francisco. It is obviously not going to be as safe as most of the communities that we are coming from, but that is the point of a missions trip. With that said, City Impact is on the same block as the police station. We always go in a group when we go outside and you will have one of City Impact's experienced leaders with us who knows the neighborhood well. We have also seen a tremendous transformation in the neighborhood over the last 7 years thanks to the work of City Impact.

Bible, pen, and paper – There will be opportunities for devotions and journaling. We will also be studying the Bible together.

Our morning gathering is a time where City Impact's staff shares a message to challenge and encourage the group and leads the group in worship and prayer before we start our day.

# DIFFERENT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

## **Rescue Mission / Food Bank**

Every day we invite the community to join us both in the morning and in the afternoon for a worship service and a meal. Many people come in for the meal, but they leave encouraged and feeling loved. While they are with us, we seize the opportunity to minister to them, love them, and share about Jesus. We also have a Bible study open to the public in the early afternoon.

Volunteers that come in will help set up for these different activities, help lead them (whether through worship leading, preaching, leading the Bible study, etc.), serve the people meals, and just talk with someone and get to hear their story. It is such a blessing to incorporate passionate Christians into joining our faithful small staff ready to minister to the people individually and sit down to listen to them.

We are blessed to receive consistent food donations, and are in need of teams to organize them, and then send them back out to people in the community in various ways. We love to plug the teams in to help us out with this enormous and important task of feeding the community.

## **Adopt a Building - Meal Deliveries**

We created our Adopt a Building department because we see a community of 37,000 people where most are isolated in their apartment, abandoned by family and friends, with no connection to Christ or even any Christians, and wasting away watching TV. These are people who wouldn't walk into a church building, so we decided to go to them. We will go knock on their door, meet tangible needs (food, clothes, etc.), love on them, hear their story, develop a relationship, share Christ, and pray that God will raise up disciples. We want to see every single apartment building in the Tenderloin, all 586 of them, "adopted". This means that we are going into buildings every week to love on people and raise up disciples to carry on the gospel message in that building.

We love to take teams into apartment buildings to knock on doors with a hot meal in their hand ready to love on whoever may open the door. Then as they have meaningful interactions, they can report back to us so that we can follow up once the group is gone. This is definitely one of the highlights for teams coming in. They come back talking about James, or Brenda, or Sherry, that they met in the buildings and commit to praying for their salvation.

## **City Academy**

The Tenderloin is home to 3,600 children, the largest amount of any district in San Francisco. The majority of students go through really challenging circumstances. This is why we felt the burden to start a school right in the heart of the Tenderloin, so that these kids could have a safe place of love and be taught about Christ. This past year we jumped from 100 kids to 120. As you can imagine, our teachers are always in need of help in the classroom. Our teams often come in to help with projects, or just sit down and tutor a kid one on one. This is usually designated for high school, college, and adults.

## **Women's Ministry**

This is an outreach designed for the women in the community (though we need men in the groups as well). We make cards, gather flowers, and any other items we may have and go on the streets to find women to build up, encourage, and invite back to church. We let them know what Jesus says about their worth, not the world.

## **Street Ministry**

Unfortunately, one of the scariest words in Western Christianity is “evangelism”. We have often become afraid to share the good news here at City Impact. We feel it is important to grow in courage so that we are able to talk with a stranger if the Lord leads us. So we go out to hand someone a bag of chips or a sandwich and offer them prayer, or just a listening ear. We do a brief training on evangelism before we go out, but the majority of our time is spent on the streets loving on people. Many people are nervous on the first night, but by the end of the week they are asking to go out on street ministry again because the joy of sharing Christ and diving into people’s lives has filled their heart.

We love seeing this time and time again.

## **TL Revive**

This is a community outreach project that we are able to do when we have the manpower to help us facilitate it well. We have games, snacks, art stations, nail stations, and other different stations for community members to enjoy for free. This is held at our new Taylor Street Facility and is a safe place for people to just come, hang out, receive prayer, and just enjoy their day.

## **Thrift Store**

It was once said, people don’t feel valued by receiving, but they love to find a good deal. We love to be able to collect resources and offer them at an affordable price. The store also gives a great opportunity to connect with the people in the community that wouldn’t otherwise connect to City Impact.

When teams come, they help us with large projects of sorting and hanging clothes, cleaning and selling items, but more importantly they interject life into the store and connect with shoppers from the community.

## **Kitchen**

Every day we cook and serve hundreds of meals between the rescue mission, the school’s lunch, and all of the meal deliveries that we do with teams into the buildings. We have a group from the team help our lead cook in the kitchen to prepare it all so that we can be good stewards of what God has provided, and for His glory!

## **Volunteer Center / Administration**

Every year we have over 8,000 people come in to serve with us in the Tenderloin, and that often requires a lot of helping hands. From time to time we need some administrative help, so we will bring some team members in to serve there.

Because we are an Inner City ministry, and have very little financial backing from within the community, we send out appeals and updates to share the news of what’s happening, exciting developments and to ask for support. These thousands of letters can be overwhelming for our limited staff, so teams are a huge blessing to help us get those sent out. This is what sustains SF City Impact.

## **Construction**

We are always developing new ministries and expanding the ministries we have. With that come various construction projects. We don’t always have a construction project, but there is a chance we will have some of your group help us out with this!

# VOLUNTEER RELEASE FORM & PARENTAL CONSENT

(all participants must complete this form)

I hereby give permission for me/my child (if 18+, print your name) \_\_\_\_\_  
to participate in SF City Impact activities and consent and agree to hold harmless the SF City Im-  
pact organization; it's agents, employees, or volunteer assistants from claims that I (as parent or vol-  
unteer) might have arising out of me/my child participating in this program.

## **Medical Release/Consent:**

I have explained the meaning of "hold harmless" to the person volunteering at SFCI. The volunteer's  
signature below indicates their understanding and agreement to do the same. If it should become  
necessary for me/my child to receive medical treatment for any reason, I understand that SFCI is not  
held responsible for any and all financial obligation pertaining to and resulting from his/her/my treat-  
ment.

I also accept full responsibility for the cost of medical treatment for any injury not covered by his/  
her/my insurance.

In addition, I authorize and consent to all medical, surgical, diagnostic and hospital procedures as  
may be performed or prescribed by a physician to safeguard myself/my child's health and that it is  
not advisable to take the time to contact me in advance if in an emergency. I waive my right to in-  
formed consent for each treatment.

Moreover, I understand that temporary, emergency measures may be necessary to safeguard me/  
my child's health and do hereby authorize and request SFCI to administer or supervise until such  
time as I/my child can be safely transported to a doctor or hospital.

## **Photography/Videography Usage:**

Photography and videotaping may and/or will take place at or around events for record and for  
future event promotion. By signing, I give consent to SFCI to use any photos or video that includes  
me or my child for its publication, promotion, or records.

## **Contact w/ Community Residents**

I further agree that I/my child will not connect with TL residents beyond the duration of their stay.  
"Connect" includes email/phone/social media/letters. This is for you/your child's safety and to safe-  
guard the relationships we have developed with TL residents. Permission to connect with residents  
beyond you/your child's stay is only granted by SFCI development team or mission team depart-  
ments.

Volunteer/Child's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer/Child's Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

If volunteer is 18 or under, parent/guardian must sign below:

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Print Name \_\_\_\_\_