

## Getting Involved: Local Evangelism

Each Christian is called to spread God's love and care to others by living out and sharing the good news personally and participating in the task of evangelism both locally and globally. One way to get involved with the task of evangelism locally, so as to demonstrate God's love and care in a tangible way, is through Compassionate Ministries.

[The Souper Bowl of Caring](#) is an example of a Compassionate Ministry. You can initiate this particular compassionate ministry within your congregation by following the simple steps that are outlined for you in **January's Project of the Month**.

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## Project/Action Items Summary

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### Souper Bowl of Caring

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a youth-led, grassroots movement of caring, the result of thousands of young people joining together to fight hunger and poverty in their communities by transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving.

**Project Date - Not Scheduled**  
**Responsibility - Not Assigned**

**Time to Complete - 0.00 hour(s)**  
**Cost - \$0.00**  
**Category - Not Assigned**

<b>CompleteAction Item</b>	<b>Action Date</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>1 GAIN APPROVAL</b> Gain approval by presenting the idea to your youth group, congregation or worship leaders. Having the support of key leaders in your congregation is often a vital part in preparing for your Souper Bowl of Caring event.		Not Assigned <b>Cost:</b> \$0.00 <b>Time:</b> 0.00 hour(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>2 PLACE EVENT ON OFFICIAL CALENDAR</b> It may also be important to get your Souper Bowl of Caring event placed on the official calendar so no other special events or collections will take place that same day.		Not Assigned <b>Cost:</b> \$0.00 <b>Time:</b> 0.00 hour(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>3 INVOLVE YOUTH IN PLANNING</b> Involve the youth in the planning of your event. Spend a youth group meeting sharing ideas to make participation a meaningful experience for your group. Look for youth that are excited and ask them to take a leadership role in the planning and execution of the event.		Not Assigned <b>Cost:</b> \$0.00 <b>Time:</b> 0.00 hour(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>4 INCLUDE HUNGER AND POVERTY EDUCATION</b> Include hunger and poverty educational materials in church classroom. Visit: <a href="http://souperbowl.org/resources.php#">http://souperbowl.org/resources.php#</a> to download hunger studies, Bible studies, skits, and other teaching methods.		Not Assigned <b>Cost:</b> \$0.00 <b>Time:</b> 0.00 hour(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>5 LET YOUTH DECIDE WHERE MONEY GOES</b> Let the young people also decide where the money will go. This allows the youth to not only be involved in the collection of the funds, but also to be responsible for putting those dollars back to work in the community.		Not Assigned <b>Cost:</b> \$0.00 <b>Time:</b> 0.00 hour(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>6 SET MONETARY GOAL</b> Establish a monetary goal and achieve it by challenging everyone to give either \$1 or the cost for one meal.		Not Assigned <b>Cost:</b> \$0.00 <b>Time:</b> 0.00 hour(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>7 SET SERVICE BLITZ GOAL</b> Establish a goal for the number of youth to get involved in a Service Blitz, wherein they volunteer to help at a local charity of their choice, as a day of community service on the Saturday before the Souper Bowl.		Not Assigned <b>Cost:</b> \$0.00 <b>Time:</b> 0.00 hour(s)

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>8 ASSIGN TASKS TO YOUTH</b>	Give yourself plenty of time to organize the details. Assign tasks to each of the youth involved. You'll need a youth to announce the collection during worship (if appropriate), youth to collect after the service, youth to count the money, and youth to report your collection total to the Souper Bowl of Caring. Some youth also participate in worship by giving the children's sermon or scripture reading.	Not Assigned
		<b>Cost:</b>	\$0.00
		<b>Time:</b>	0.00 hour(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>9 PROMOTE EVENT INTERNALLY</b>	Include Souper Bowl of Caring notices in bulletins and newsletters. Bulletin inserts and announcements are available online, and it's important to promote your event a few weeks before as well as on the day of. Order additional Souper Bowl of Caring materials from the website, such as the 5-minute video and share with your congregation or youth group. You can also order additional Souper Bowl of Caring stickers for your soup pots or t-shirts to wear during your collection. To order materials, visit: <a href="http://souperbowl.org/order_supplies1.php">http://souperbowl.org/order_supplies1.php</a>	Not Assigned
		<b>Cost:</b>	\$0.00
		<b>Time:</b>	0.00 hour(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>10 PROMOTE EVENT EXTERNALLY</b>	Contact your local media and tell them about your event! First try the local TV affiliate that will be carrying the game for the year, as they will have a great interest in Super Bowl-related events. Select a spokesperson for your group to articulate your message to the press. Be sure to select someone that has great enthusiasm for your event. Reporters usually like to receive a press release and then a follow-up phone call.	Not Assigned
		<b>Cost:</b>	\$0.00
		<b>Time:</b>	0.00 hour(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>11 4-6 WEEKS IN ADVANCE</b>	Contact local TV stations and newspapers to include the Souper Bowl of Caring on the community calendar.	Not Assigned
		<b>Cost:</b>	\$0.00
		<b>Time:</b>	0.00 hour(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>12 2-4 WEEKS IN ADVANCE</b>	Contact local TV and radio stations to schedule an appearance on a news show or ask them to come out to film your group in action. This can be done by sending a press release and/or making a simple phone call. Address your request to the news editor or the newsroom.	Not Assigned
		<b>Cost:</b>	\$0.00
		<b>Time:</b>	0.00 hour(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>13 1 WEEK IN ADVANCE</b>	Fax or email a reminder to your local media contacts about the timing and details of your event. They will not want to arrive at 11am for your 11am service if you are collecting after the service at 12:00pm. Be specific as possible about what time they should arrive.	Not Assigned
		<b>Cost:</b>	\$0.00
		<b>Time:</b>	0.00 hour(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>14 AFTER THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING</b>	Thank the local media for their support and tell them how much your group raised, as well as the national Souper Bowl of Caring total. They will enjoy knowing that you are part of a national event.	Not Assigned
		<b>Cost:</b>	\$0.00
		<b>Time:</b>	0.00 hour(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>15 COLLECT DONATIONS</b>	On Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, station youth at all exits and hold large soup pots to collect donations. Label your soup pots with official Souper Bowl of Caring stickers.	Not Assigned
		<b>Cost:</b>	\$0.00
		<b>Time:</b>	0.00 hour(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>16 COUNT DONATIONS</b>	After your collection, immediately count the donations.	Not Assigned
		<b>Cost:</b>	\$0.00
		<b>Time:</b>	0.00 hour(s)

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>17 REPORT DONATIONS</b> Report your total collection amount by calling 800-358-SOUP (7687). Reporting is easy, and extremely important so the Souper Bowl of Caring can include all participants when the national total is reported to the media.	Not Assigned <b>Cost:</b> \$0.00 <b>Time:</b> 0.00 hour(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>18 DELIVER DONATIONS TO CHARITY</b> Deliver your funds directly to the charity your group has selected. Be sure to mark your donation as part of the Souper Bowl of Caring.	Not Assigned <b>Cost:</b> \$0.00 <b>Time:</b> 0.00 hour(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>19 GIVE THANKS TO GOD</b> Give thanks to God for the opportunity to serve others and for the generous response of your congregation to help the needy.	Not Assigned <b>Cost:</b> \$0.00 <b>Time:</b> 0.00 hour(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>20 SHARE SOUPER STORIES</b> Share your Souper stories, pictures and ideas with the Souper Bowl of Caring. Your story may be told in a future issue of the Souper Bowl of Caring newsletter or on their website at <a href="http://souperbowl.org">http://souperbowl.org</a> !	Not Assigned <b>Cost:</b> \$0.00 <b>Time:</b> 0.00 hour(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>21 SET NEXT YEAR'S DATE</b> Mark your calendars for next year's Souper Bowl of Caring event.	Not Assigned <b>Cost:</b> \$0.00 <b>Time:</b> 0.00 hour(s)