

## Mission Statement

Our mission is to bring together people from different faith communities, businesses, organizations, and individuals committed to serving God and community. Our focus is to renew Irving neighborhoods for qualified homeowners by the restoration of their properties and uplifting their spirits.

## History

GDS began in 2002 focusing on Grauwylar Heights, a neighborhood proactive in its renewal and outreach.

During its 18 years, GDS has helped over 400 homeowners. In 2019 volunteers worked on 22 properties throughout Irving.

GDS works closely with the City of Irving - Code Enforcement, local faith communities, and individuals for property identification.

## 2019 Contributors

American Red Cross, Baker Tree Service, City of Irving - Fire Department, Craddock Lumber Company, Forney Fence Supply, Home Depot, iFratelli, Irving Amateur Radio Club, Irving Cares, Irving Community TV Network, Kabob Uncle, Long John Silver, Mark Ondras Plumbing, McDonald's, Morales Roofing Company, Office Depot, Papa John's Pizza, Personal Pest Control, Poblanos Piri Piri, Schlotzsky's, Shaw Martial Arts, Subway, Target #0255, and Tom Thumb.

## 2019 Participants

Ben Washington Baptist	972-790-8421
Christ United Methodist Church of Plano Disaster Response Team	972-596-4303
City of Irving – Code Enforcement	972-721-4829
City of Irving – Solid Waste	972-721-2349
First United Methodist Church	972-253-3531
Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church	972-252-5521
Irving Bible Church	972-560-4600
Islamic Center of Irving	972-812-2230
Kirkwood United Methodist Church	972-254-4191
Spirit of Unity	469-379-5479
Plymouth Park United Methodist Church	972-255-4185
Young Men's Service League – Irving Hawks	YMSLHawks.org

And many other individual volunteers!

### Great Days of Service

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GDS Hotline: 972-510-5084

# GREAT DAYS of SERVICE 2020

**Two Great Weekends!**

**March 20-21**  
**March 27-28**

**Community Service through  
Home Repair & Improvement  
Projects in Irving, Texas**



***Serving God...Serving Irving  
Since 2002***

## **YOU Can Make a Difference!**

There are many opportunities for you to contribute to this worthwhile event and help our neighbors in need!

### **Service Needs**

- **Join the Leadership Team** – help organize and prepare for the event
- **Become a House Captain**
- **Organize a work team** from your business or organization
- **Help move materials** to work sites.
- **Assist with the Prayer Breakfast.**
- **Prepare/Deliver lunches** on workdays.
- **Join a work team** and help with yard cleanup, shrub trimming, minor repair, carpentry, painting, etc.
- **Provide skilled or semi-skilled help** with minor electrical, masonry, plumbing, and HVAC, etc.
- **Help with the Closing Celebration.**
- **Tell us about a homeowner** whose home needs repairs.
- **Donate or help locate businesses and organizations** who can contribute building supplies and food for volunteers.

### **Support Needs**

- **Contribute funds** to defray the cost of materials and supplies. Please make your check payable to **Great Days of Service**.
- **Encourage** co-workers, friends & neighbors to give; organize a fund-raising event.
- **Pray for success**, that GDS will be a blessing to those who volunteer and receive.

## **2020 Events**

### **WORK WEEKENDS**

**Friday and Saturday March 20, 21**  
**Friday and Saturday March 27, 28**  
**8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**  
**HQ: First United Methodist Church**  
**211 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

Work day headquarters for information, volunteer check-in, and lunches preparation.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS**

**January 7 - April 14**

All meetings for house captains, leadership and advisory committees will be held at Plymouth Park United Methodist Church, 1615 W Airport Fwy, on scheduled Tuesdays at 7:00pm.

### **PRAYER BREAKFAST – March 21**

**The Islamic Center of Irving**, 2555 N. Esters Road, will host a **Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 21, at 7:00 a.m.** to unify the project as an expression of God's love to those we serve.

### **CLOSING CELEBRATION – March 29**

A **Closing Celebration** for homeowners and their families, volunteers, and donors will be held at Plymouth Park United Methodist Church, 1615 W. Airport Frwy, on **Sunday, March 29, at 2:00 p.m.**

### **WORKDAYS**

Volunteers report to their pre-planned worksite or go to headquarters to select a work assignment.

On the 4 workdays, lunches are delivered directly to the work sites for all volunteers and homeowners.

## **How to Volunteer**

We welcome and encourage individual participation at all skill levels.

Individuals, groups, and families can volunteer by registering at [www.gdsirving.org](http://www.gdsirving.org)

You can also volunteer as part of a faith-based team by calling the GDS Hotline or emailing GDS (See contact info below).

## **How to Ask for Help**

Complete an application. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-serve, needs basis. Submit your application as early as possible.

Applications can be obtained by calling or emailing GDS at the addresses below.

You can also download an application from the GDS website at [www.gdsirving.org](http://www.gdsirving.org)

## **Contact GDS**

Mail applications, inquiries & donations to:  
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