

To whom it may concern,

I'd like to invite you to partner with a group of local youth that will be joining together to serve the community on the weekend of **June 29**<sup>th</sup> – **July 2**<sup>nd</sup>, **2017**. This is a great opportunity to help us as we help others by giving of our time to serve and have a positive influence on the community we live in.

Our event is called **Summer Of Service** (**SOS**) and we have about 35 churches from Osceola, South Bend, Mishawaka, Granger, and Elkhart that will be sending their Youth Groups to Bethel College to stay for 3 nights and 4 days. During the day, the youth will do community service projects like city beautification, hosting block parties at apartment complexes, having \$1 car washes where we *GIVE THE CUSTOMER \$1* for allowing us to wash their car, cleaning up several local parks, fixing up homes for elderly, visiting nursing homes and children in the hospital, and other city beautification projects. In the evenings, we'll gather for dinner before hearing from a guest speaker and then having a time of worship and some group debriefing time. It should be an amazing time and our goal is to build a stronger community among our youth as well as positively impacting our local community by sharing God's love in practical ways.

In order to keep the costs at a minimum, we rely on donations from local businesses and individuals. Would you be willing to partner with us by making a donation to help offset costs?

If you'd like to set up a time to discuss this further, please contact me and we can set up a time. You can learn more about us at <a href="www.summerofservice.net">www.summerofservice.net</a> or <a href="www.facebook.com/sosmichiana">www.facebook.com/sosmichiana</a>. I want to thank you for taking the time to read our letter and I pray that you will consider our request and see how you can play a role in helping us make this event as successful as possible.

God bless,

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