

GROCERY STORE SURPRISE

A SERVE QUICK GUIDE



THE IDEA

Our team partnered with our local Publix stores to surprise seniors and first responders by paying for their groceries during their reserved/designated hours. We also got to pray with these people, and heard amazing stories of how God was answering prayers and providing.

VOLUNTEER ROLES

- 6 or more volunteers stationed at the end of check out lanes ready to pay for groceries
- 5 or more volunteers scattered throughout the store to pray with people

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Money to buy groceries (we used cards)
- If you have donors or partners that are looking to support you in this season, this is something they could fund or be a part of!

STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1. Contact local grocery store and gain permission to do this project, be on premises, praying, etc
2. Put together a team
3. Set guidelines for the outreach and create a time frame (ours was 1 hour)
4. Create a safety plan and educate volunteers on what to say, how to do the project, etc
5. Offer to pay for groceries
6. Offer to pray with the seniors/first responders, and employees

EXTRA TIPS

- Do not advertise- keep it a surprise for shoppers! We found that people also started to call their friends to get them to come over. Make sure to create a time limit if your store doesn't already have a reserved hour.



THE "WIN"

"Getting to pray with people and encourage them that God is providing and loves them.

Also, getting to partner and pray for the grocery store workers. We saw relationships form and barriers broken down for future partnerships."