

# What Can I Expect?

## **What to Wear?**

We encourage you to wear footwear and clothing that are work comfortable and you're comfortable getting them dirty. We also encourage work gloves of which we will supply if you don't have any.

## **Where Is the Target Area?**

Our target area runs from 37th to 51st streets; as far south to Congress, and as far North to Silver Spring. Our current projects days are scheduled to take place on blocks surrounding our Hub House located on North 40th Street

## **Where Do We Meet?**

We will meet at the Hub House of Bridge Builders located at 4642 N. 40th Street @ 8:30am sharp. We will also meet back at the hub house for lunch (12 noon). Lunch will be provided for all volunteers.

## **What Happens During Bad Weather?**

Our rule of thumb is if it's raining one hour prior to 8:30am (our starting time), the Serve Day will be cancelled and typically rescheduled for the following Saturday.

## **Are Neighbors Receptive of Volunteers?**

Many of our volunteers come from the suburbs and worry about being perceived as people coming in as the great savior; however, that is not an issue in our target area. We have established ongoing relationships with our neighbors. During our first five years, they have welcomed visiting volunteers with open arms and have grown accustomed to the diverse cultural exchange that takes place.

## **How Much Skill Do I Need?**

Many of our volunteers only have moderate to low construction skills, but there is always a highly skilled contractor overseeing projects.

## **Are There Non-Construction Roles Available on Serve Day?**

Yes, you may serve in other ways such as set-up/tear down, hospitality, photography, video, or through block clean-up. These are great roles for people who can't stay for the duration, but have a desire to contribute. If you are interested in one of these roles, please email [zac@bridgebuildersmke.org](mailto:zac@bridgebuildersmke.org).

## **Is the Neighborhood Safe?**

In the first five years of conducting renovation projects in the neighborhood, we have had zero incidents. In fact, since our presence, we have seen an uptick in resident interaction in the neighborhood, which is a deterrent to those who wish to engage in criminal behavior. With confidence, we can say that our volunteers are completely safe in the neighborhoods we work in. We have continuously growing relationships with the residents of the neighborhoods we engage with.

## **Where Can I Park, and Will My Vehicle Be Safe?**

We are in a residential area, so there are no parking lots. However, street parking is available on both the east and west side of 40th street where the Hub House is located. There is also street parking on the north and south side of both Courtland Avenue, which is just North of the Hub House and Glendale Avenue, which is just South of the Hub House. In the five plus years we have worked in this neighborhood, we have experienced zero incidents with car break-ins; however, we do encourage you to lock up your vehicle.