



SUPERHERO FOR A DAY

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PRESENTING THE NEED TO MY TEAM

- Saving the innocent, fighting for justice, beating the evils of the world, that is what a Superhero does. In comic books they have superpowers to achieve their results, but how much more super you would be if you are able to do it all without flying, morphing, or slinging webs? There are many innocent children who suffer in poverty in the inner city, in tailor parks, and in various other places in society. It is a grave injustice that they have to suffer this while most of us live a life more pampered than the greatest kings 200 years ago.
- For one day you can be a Superhero who goes whack, ka-pow, and bam to the evil of poverty for these kids by providing them with fun their parents could never afford. Maybe it is at amusement park, maybe it is at a bowling alley, maybe it is at a skating rink, or maybe somewhere else but you will lift these kids up for a day and bring them the joy of Christ.



YOU CAN BE A SUPERHERO!

OUR CALL TO SERVE

We can rescue these kids from their poverty for a day and provide them with fun that they never could have had without us.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

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WEEK	STEPS	QUESTION OF THE WEEK
1	<p>Decide: Figure out what type of event you what to do as a Superhero for a day.</p> <p>Location: Call a location and book a date for the event. Try to get them to discount it since this is a charity event.</p> <p>Buses: Arrange for transportation for the poor kids to get to where it will happen on buses or other means, again try to get a discount.</p> <p>Money: Start fundraising to pay whatever fees you will have to pay.</p>	
2	<p>Pastor: Speak with pastors at poor parishes to find out from where you could organize getting kids to come to the event.</p> <p>Recruit: Start recruiting volunteers from those you know and local schools.</p>	
3	<p>Gift bags: Start going to businesses and individuals to get items that you could give out as gifts for the boys and their families at the end.</p>	
4	<p>Kids: start announcing this event at a poor parish. The best way to do this is to go and make an announcement at the end of Mass. For organization's sake you need to get them registered so you have a tally.</p> <p>Continue: keep going to find volunteers, funds, and items for the gift bags</p>	

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5	<p>Wrap: Prepare gift bags for the kids who will be coming with the items you have chosen.</p> <p>Skit: prepare a skit or other short formation element to give to the kids and volunteers at the end.</p> <p>Fundraising: Continue fundraising as needed.</p>	
6	<p>Final Push: make sure you get plenty of kids signed up, and sufficient funds and volunteers to make the event a success.</p>	
7	<p>Final Prep: Go over all details, responsibilities to ensure everything will run smooth. Finalize any last minute plans or changes. Make sure to print out a schedule so all are aware and can keep things moving as professionally as possible.</p>	
8	<p>Early: Make sure the whole team arrives well in advance of the event and have the volunteers there an hour before the kids arrive to organize them and give them a spiritual sense to their mission that day.</p> <p>Superheroes: This is the actual event which should be a few hours where the kids are picked up from the parish or elsewhere in their neighborhood, driven to the event, have a few hours of fun over seen by older teenage volunteers, ending with a little bit of formation given by the team, and a gift to take home to their family.</p>	

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LOCATION

- Pick somewhere that is fun for kids 5 to 12 and where you can offer gifts and faith formation at the end. Here are a few possibilities but some other place may work for you: a water park, an amusement park, a zoo, a skating rink, a professional sports game, a ranch or farm, a park, Chuck E. Cheese's, touring a TV station, an aquarium, a pool, or a bowling alley.

PROVISIONS

- Promotional items: you need to promote it through a poor parish so you will have those kids and you also need to promote it among your friends and companions to get volunteers.
- Gift bags: You need to ask people for money or ask stores for items so you can distribute gifts at the end. These gifts should be a little bit of fun stuff like candy or trinkets but also something for their family like soup.
- Shirts: You could get shirts made for the volunteers . Depending on where you are and how easy it would be to loose the little kids, you may want to make shirts for them too. (if budget allows)
- Food: if the event includes a mealtime, make sure you have food for the kids..

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RESPONSIBILITIES

- Volunteer Coordinators: Several “cool” the members of the team need to be responsible for getting teenage volunteers and organizing them during the activity.
- Fundraisers: at least one or two young men with a business edge need to be asking business owners and other to be generous so this event comes off well.
- Gift bagging: whether you wrap the gifts or just put them in bags this should be a whole team event and you could even invite some volunteers.
- Skit / Formation: Everyone on the team should get together to prepare a 10 to 20 minute bit of formation to end the day for these kids.
- Oversight: at the event itself you should have enough volunteers that most of the team is kept busy directing them and overseeing the kids rather than directly dealing with the kids.

CONTACTS

- Proprietor of the bus company and location: you need their help to pull the event off. Try to show how this is a charitable event so they will give you some kind of discount or special treatment.
- Pastor at the poor parish: show him concern and get him involved so he sees how this will help his parish. Often inviting him to do a blessing at the end of the event or say some words at the beginning is a big boost.
- Parents of Poor kids: they need to trust you so that they will leave their kids with you for a day. Do what is needed for them to trust you.
- Prospective volunteers: be excited about it and stress how much they will be able to impact these kids’ lives. For the young ladies you have to make this basic argument sentimental with details.
- Your parents and parents of volunteers: try to get some of them to be adult chaperones. Most will be glad their kids are doing something useful. Some need to be assured that this will not be dangerous.

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SPECIAL OPS

- It is absolutely essential to get other young men and women involved in this project. It is an easy project to invite people to and they will receive as much as the poor kids even though they will think they are giving something at the beginning. You can have almost as many of them as you have kids.
- Work with the pastor at the poor parish you are helping the kids at. He needs to feel like he is part of it so he will invite you back because this project should be recruited at least every year if not 2 or 4 times a year.
- Generally this will take close to three months for your first time just because they are so many details involved, repetition can speed it up since you already know where to go for most of what you need.
- Organize it well so everything flows smoothly on the day of the event, have a means to communicate amongst yourselves during the event.

CONTINGENCY PLAN



- Other names used for this event are “Dreaming Wide Awake,” or a regional name relating to the event or your city.
- The exact ages for the event (5-12) are very flexible.
- Organize a sports tournament at a poor parish over several weeks with presents for the kids at each game.
- Just use an ordinary location for the event but bring in fun stuff like clowns, games, a trampoline, etc.

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