



...The Application of Grace is applied to our Endeavors.

Upon each new undertaking, we are confronted with a blank canvas awaiting the infusion of purpose. This is where the essence of our labor intertwines with divine intentions, much like a skilled artisan setting the stage for the masterwork. Guided by the principles that define our mission, we set the stage for His hand to begin its transformative work. Through the rhythm of our diligent efforts and the anticipation of His intervention, a tapestry of interconnected lives, opportunities, and relationships emerges, a testament to His grace.

"Why does each endeavor exhibit uniqueness?" one might ask. The answer lies in the selflessness and the earnest aspiration to bestow blessings upon others that infuses our work. It is through our encounters with those we serve, as we become privy to their tales of hardship and aspiration, apprehension and elation, despondency and contentment, that we truly grasp the magnitude of divine benevolence. With the passage of time, the blueprint of this divine design gradually unfolds.

Engaging in conversations, forging connections with neighbors, nurturing friendships, and fostering a sense of camaraderie within the community all form part of this intricate process. While glimpses of our labor may be discerned during communal repasts, they are merely preliminary brushstrokes of an ever evolving masterpiece. Soliciting recommendations to aid residents, expanding our network, and facilitating introductions among neighbors all contribute to this symphony of goodwill. Occasionally, we stumble upon acute needs within the community that demand urgent attention, while at other times, a profusion of modest needs presents itself. Throughout, our days are a continuous offering of compassion, while our nights are characterized by fervent prayers infused with concern for those we serve.

Entering a new community demands a release of any preconceived notions, a surrendering of expectations to the realm of the divine. The outcome rests not just on our efforts, but also on the interplay between the residents and our dedicated volunteers. Our exertions unfold steadily, day by day, for weeks on end, in the pursuit of touching as many lives as possible before transitioning to the next community.

This journey embodies toil and tenderness in equal measure—an endeavor of both exertion and empathy, all undertaken for the Father and for our fellow beings. It is only as we prepare to depart for the next chapter that the final brushstroke, His signature, is applied. Finally, the reassurance of His approval envelopes us, and a profound sense of tranquility washes over our souls, confirming that all is well and we are aligned with our purpose.

We love when new volunteers, or returning ones leave the project day with a smile from ear to ear - because we know why. If you've never experienced the Master's hand applied to your selfless efforts and experienced the joy that comes from that, we encourage you to step out and do it. We would love to have you at one of our projects and we promise you *will* leave with that ear to ear smile! <https://impactmhcares.com/volunteers>