

Power Shovelers

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Name of Project:

Power shovelers

Timeframe:

2/21/19 (subject to change to an earlier or later date depending on the amount of snow).

Materials:

Snow Shovels

Bags of Salt

Description of project/Recruitment plan:

Power shovelers are a team of eight high school students that plans to take initiative to shovel the sidewalks for certain streets for the Elderly citizens. Our main goal is to have our volunteers help us take initiative to help our local senior citizens. We will recruit six to eight volunteers that to help us achieve our goal. Our way of recruiting will be, we will ask two of our friends (outside of leadership) to bring a friend of theirs. And the friend of our friend would bring another friend and so on. The end product would be a total of eight to ten people, two of who we actually know and the other four to six being complete strangers to us. We chose this so that we could get to meet new people but at the same time have them near people they know so no one would be uncomfortable.

Plan/Reason:

Ever since it started snowing, we realized that the snow can be a problem for our elderly population. With ice forming on the sidewalks, the chance of falling and breaking bones are even greater. With this in mind our plan is to shovel up and down the sidewalks of 16th Ave between Rupert and Nootka street (3 blocks) because there's are a lot of elderly people who live along those streets. We will shovel and salt their sidewalks and paths for them so they wouldn't have to do it themselves and risk injuring themselves.

Hopes of Accomplishing:

Short-term Goals: In terms of short term goals, we hope that it would allow our elderly to eliminate "Shoveling Snow" off their to-do list. We hope this would allow them to take walks safely and to enjoy the winter season while getting exercise.

Long-term Goals: In terms of long term goals, we hope this experience would show the importance of volunteering to our volunteers as well as the act of taking initiative. We hope that despite the small group we develop a bond with each other and develop teamwork skills.

Challenges:

Problems that could occur	Solutions
Sidewalks already shoveled	We would expand beyond 16th street and scout out the neighboring neighborhoods.
What if the volunteers don't show up	Add a little incentive ex. Food , so that the likelihood of not attending drops.

How will this project impact the community?

We hope that by doing these small acts of kindness, it breaks that stereotype that our generation is the “lazy” or “technology addicted” kids that the older generations think we are. We hope that our actions can send a message to our elderly population on 16th Avenue that we care about their safety and well-being. We also hope that this will impact our volunteers positively by giving them a chance to help out the community and to gain teamwork related skills.

How will we measure our success?

We will measure our success by making sure that the sidewalks are completely ice free and safe to walk on.

Timeline

February 20th	Meeting at Lunch, at room 317
February 21th	At tutorial we head to 16th Ave and we go to Jon J's house to pick up the shovels and salt. We then shovel up and down 16th Ave between Rupert and Nootka Street.