

# 101 ways to LOVE FAMILIES FORWARD

1. Host a game event
2. Host a BBQ
3. Host a craft event
4. Host a music event
5. Host a meal planning or cooking event
6. Host a monthly birthday celebration
7. Host a potluck meal or "Eat Around the World" event
8. Become a financial coach
9. Become a career coach
10. Play at the playground with the children
11. Provide donuts and juice/coffee on a Saturday morning
12. Grill hamburgers and hotdogs at the Love Columbia courtyard
13. Set up a free lemonade stand and connect with client families
14. Assist at Healthy Homes events
15. Tutor students
16. Read to children
17. Meet at the library to introduce available resources
18. Assist with driving permit test preparation
19. Host an etiquette class or event
20. Hold a Lego building contest
21. Plan a family-friendly movie and popcorn night
22. Introduce and teach a new hobby
23. Introduce a local community resource or service
24. Teach job skills
25. Teach housekeeping skills
26. Teach car maintenance
27. Provide childcare for parents to receive coaching
28. Assist with moving into housing
29. Provide a welcome basket at move-in
30. Write a welcome note for new families
31. Provide a meal on move-in day
32. Provide a cleaning kit at move-in
33. Provide pantry staples at move-in
34. Assist with packing for a move
35. Assist with moving out of housing
36. Assist with cleaning after a family moves out
37. Assist with building maintenance or repairs
38. Organize the Love Columbia Essentials Closet
39. Host a donation drive for Essentials Closet supplies
40. Donate hygiene, cleaning, and paper goods for the Essentials Closet
41. Clean common areas of Love Forward Homes
42. Clean and maintain the outdoor play area
43. Provide outdoor game supplies: jump ropes, chalk, bubbles, corn hole, etc
44. Bring a guitar or other musical instrument and sing with the families
45. Pray daily for a Love Forward Homes family
46. Send encouraging notes to a Love Forward Homes family
47. Invite a Love Forward Homes family to a church service or event
48. Invite children to church youth activities
49. Invite families to a playdate or picnic at a park
50. Provide school supplies for children

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51. Donate holiday decorations
52. Donate age-appropriate books or games for Love Forward Homes
53. Provide winter coats and boots for children
54. Make or donate quilts, crocheted, or handmade blankets
55. Paint pumpkins with children in the fall
56. Provide Thanksgiving meal supplies
57. Provide Christmas meal supplies
58. Donate Christmas gifts
59. Give a Mother's Day or Father's Day gift basket
60. Provide a freezer meal for a family
61. Send birthday cards to children or parents
62. Provide a "birthday box" (cake mix, party supplies, etc.)
63. Bring fresh cut flowers to brighten someone's day
64. Drop off homemade cookies or baked goods
65. Provide Easter baskets for children
66. Help prepare for job interviews
67. Help connect individuals with potential employers
68. Start a book club
69. Introduce a new family tradition idea
70. Decorate shared spaces for holidays
71. Offer help with home organization and decluttering
72. Teach couponing and budgeting for groceries
73. Help families complete housing applications
74. Invite a Love Forward Homes parent to coffee and conversation
75. Start a sewing, crocheting, or knitting circle
76. Host a family picnic in the courtyard
77. Start a support group for moms or dads
78. Invite families to the local farmers market
79. Provide a calendar or planner to help with organization
80. Coordinate a family fun event with other Love Forward Homes sponsor churches
81. Teach food preservation techniques
82. Help a child explore and grow a special interest or talent
83. Help families create and follow a chore chart
84. Provide help covering urgent basic needs
85. Send uplifting text messages (with permission)
86. Volunteer with a Good Dads class or support group
87. Arrange a job shadowing experience for a Love Forward Homes youth
88. Host a clothing swap or free boutique with gently used items
89. Offer to take family photos
90. Share parenting resources
91. Lead a journaling or gratitude workshop
92. Start a weekly walking group for connection and wellness
93. Host a vision board night to encourage goal-setting
94. Share a favorite family recipe
95. Teach safe screen time and tech habits for kids
96. Host a "Life Hacks 101" event to share practical tips
97. Celebrate family milestone moments (new job, graduation, goals achieved)
98. Organize a family game night in a shared space
99. Start a light exercise class like stretching or yoga
100. Offer monthly "You Matter" care bags with notes and small gifts
101. Brainstorm more ideas!