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Desert Discovery – At McDowell Sonoran Desert Conservancy

A half-day program designed for group attendees to clean a desert trail and assist with the removal of invasive plants which increase the threat of wildfire. The McDowell conservancy champions the sustainability of this mountain preserve to benefit future generations. Groups will have opportunity to learn about desert plants and desert conservancy efforts during the program.

The optional opportunities in the program include photo journaling while cleaning the trail with attendees taking photos of desert cactus, wildflowers, wildlife and birds. The Sonoran desert is home to 60 mammals, 350 bird species, 100 reptile species and is the only place in the world where the Saguara Cactus is grown.

AVAILABILITY:	January – May; October - December
TIME COMMITMENT:	Approximately 4 hours program time
DISTANCE FROM HOTEL:	Approximately 15 minutes
EXPENSES:	Group organizers are responsible for food, beverage and transportation to and from site. Resort recommends the group provide sunscreen, water bottles and hats to attendees for desert safety.
SUGGESTED DONATION:	$500 to cover basic costs of facilitators and tools.

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St. Mary's Food Bank/Water for our World

A half-day program designed for group attendees to sort and pack grocery boxes and bags at a local food bank that is always in need of donations to help feed the hungry in our community. Water for our World is another organization that is closely affiliated with St. Mary's that helps provide clean drinking water to the homeless in our desert area. Groups are asked to volunteer supplies and time.

AVAILABILITY:	Year-Round
TIME COMMITMENT:	Approximately 3 - 4 hours program time
DISTANCE FROM HOTEL:	Approximately 30 minutes
EXPENSES:	Group organizers are responsible for donating either food and water supplies or donating funds to purchase supplies; group organizers are also responsible for providing the group's food, beverage and transportation to and from the site.
SUGGESTED DONATION:	$50 per group attendee to cover the basic costs of food, water and supplies for packaging.

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Brush with Kindness for Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity's on-going projects are located throughout the Desert Foothills Area and provide new homes for families in need. Attendees will participate in painting, cleaning and household projects to prepare a home for occupancy.

AVAILABILITY:	Year-Round
TIME COMMITMENT:	Approximately 4 to 8 hours
DISTANCE FROM HOTEL:	Approximately 15 – 45 minutes
EXPENSES:	Contributors are responsible for their own food, beverage and transportation to and from the site.
SUGGESTED DONATION:	$1,000 to cover the basic expenses associated with the event.

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