



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

America has taken a beating this fall. From Hurricanes Harvey and Irma to the shootings in Las Vegas and wild-fires in California, many people have suffered.

These disasters are horrible and they have negative impacts on the lives of many. However, they are also an opportunity to see a sense of love and community in action, and in many cases they bring people closer.

A couple weeks ago, I decided to devote a week to hurricane disaster recovery in Houston. I worked through an organization called Samaritan's Purse. We removed debris, insulation and mold covered drywall from numerous homes in Houston. The circumstances are sad. Many people are living in their homes surrounded by mold covered clothing and furniture, waiting for FEMA to assess their belongings before disposing of them.

While the circumstances were sad, the love, dedication and sacrifice on display was inspiring. I saw people leave their families, their jobs, their dry and safe homes in Colorado, Indiana, North Carolina and Washington and, of course, Texas, to subject themselves to mold, raw sewage, humidity and hard work. Why do they do this? So they could wrap their loving arms around the suffering people in Houston.

I observed neighbors in the hurricane stricken neighborhoods offering help and supplies even while they were suffering themselves. At many of the homes where we worked, neighbors would come out to offer bottled water, access to electricity and running water.....neighbors helping neighbors. I contend that this may not have occurred in the absence of a disaster.

Back here, in Illinois, have everything we need in our homes.....food, clothing, entertainment, heating and AC. While the comforts of home are nice, it keeps us from relying on our neighbors and connecting with our neighbors. Why wait for something bad to happen? Bake cookies for your neighbor, invite them over for dinner, ask if you can borrow an egg, cut their grass while they are on vacation. This is how we build communities and relationships. We should not have to wait for a disaster to share our love.

Paul Taylor



ESS continues to grow as a result of a great Team—a Team that does the dirty jobs day after day without complaint or excuse. Thank you!

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"Do not waste time bothering whether you 'love' your neighbor; act as if you did. As soon as we do this we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone, you will presently come to love him." — C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

Employee of the Month



June 2017
SUSAN SMALLEY



July 2017
CHARLES THORSEN



August 2017
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Employee of the Month – Honorable Mention

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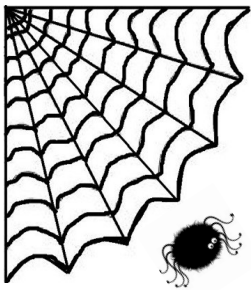


5 Year Service Award \$100 Award

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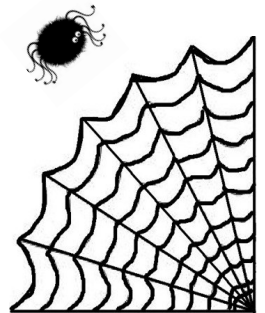




Entrances, Cobwebs and Dusting

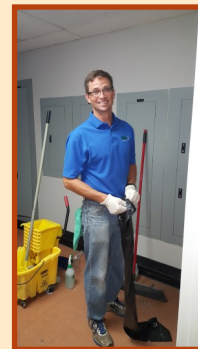
It is sad that summer has to come to an end, but it is always nice to get some cooler weather. Unfortunately, cooler weather can sometimes make our jobs a little more difficult. As the weather cools down, spiders and other bugs like to make their way into buildings to stay warm. An increase in spider webs and dead bugs are very common this time of year. Always be sure to pay close attention to entrances and corners. These are the more problematic areas. Also, as we approach the fall season, leaves are huge problem for entrances. They blow in and get tracked in by people entering the building.

Another area to pay close attention to are areas that collect dust. When farmers start to harvest their crops, a lot of dust is kicked into the air. Vents can also contribute to dusting problems. Be sure to check all vents and dust them as often as possible. Dust can also build up along edges and corners of carpet. It is important to stick to a regular dusting routine weekly and check areas that may not get much attention on a regular basis.



Brittany Babbs

Salt & Light Community Project



In September, we got the opportunity to help clean the floors so that the flooring contractor could install the tile at the old County Market Store in Urbana. We ran scrubbers, scrappers and mops to prepare the floors. Salt and Light are turning the location into a thrift store, grocery store, computer lab and training center. Since 2004, they have been connecting families in need with the resources of a community that has been richly blessed. Their mission is to share the love of God by fighting poverty with dignity through opportunities that engage, empower, and equip for the lasting change.

Congratulations!

40 under 40 Award



We would like to congratulate our Operations Manager, Jacob Shaw, for receiving the 40 under 40 Award. This award is given to those who have achieved levels of excellence in professional and personal development and have been involved as a volunteer or served in civic organizations.

We are very proud and fortunate to have Jacob as a leader at ESS Clean.



Save the Date

Great Raffle Prizes!

FITBIT

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Annual Party

December 10th

Jupiter's

**At The Crossing in
Champaign**

4:30-7:00pm

Safety Participation Give Away \$1000.00

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