

Recognition Ideas

There are lots and lots of ways to celebrate service. This list is shared to encourage your creativity as you find the best ways to celebrate service in your ministry.

A few hints:

- 1) Be timely. Recognition should be done soon after the activity. Don't wait, say thanks frequently.
- 2) Keep it simple and manageable
- 3) Be sincere and genuine.
- 4) Acknowledge little contributions, as well as big ones.
- 5) Keep good records. Make sure all on your team get a pat on the back, not the same ones over and over again. Include everyone as feelings can be easily hurt.
- 6) Be creative and have fun with it. Be whimsical, upbeat and enjoy yourself!

RANDOM IDEAS

- write letters and notes - thank you's, happy birthdays, get well, etc.
- pray for your team members regularly. Let them know you are praying and would like any specific prayer requests
- create certificates with their dates of service
- invite team members to seminars outside the church
- ask the member to serve as a mentor or trainer in your ministry
- send a thank you note to the member's family
- have a roast for everyone rotating off a team
- have a pot luck party for everyone on your team
- send "you made me a shining star" notes to people who worked with you, especially people who worked in the background on a big project
- create a T-shirt or button for your ministry
- distribute trinkets, mugs, pens, etc and various times of the year
- attend a sports event, movie, Christian concert or play together
- send a package of tea saying "since you've joined our group, things are really brewing."
- call one team member a week to see how things are going for them
- calligraphy a meaningful scripture passage and frame it
- take a group photo and reproduce for all members of the group