N.I.C.E. HOW-TO GUIDE

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CNE believes the future of Chattanooga is rooted in the vibrancy of all our neighborhoods and the prosperity of all our people.

How to Organize a Porch Revitalization Project

Assess Community Needs

Begin by identifying homes with porches in need of repair. Engage with residents to understand safety concerns and desired improvements.

Assemble a Volunteer Team

Recruit neighbors with a range of skills. Even those without construction experience can assist with painting, cleanup, or logistics.

Secure Materials and Tools

Work with local suppliers, nonprofits, or sponsors to gather wood, paint, nails, and tools. Create an organized supply list before work begins.

Plan and Schedule Work Days

Break down the scope of each project and assign teams accordingly. Ensure tasks are prioritized for safety first (structural stability) before moving to beautification.

Execute and Celebrate

Complete repairs step by step, inspect for safety, and then focus on finishing touches. Document progress through photos and recognize volunteers publicly to build momentum for future projects.