

## Service Project Ideas

**Jesus said, "Here I am among you as one who serves."  
(Luke 22:27)**

### **Before making your decision and commitment:**

- ❖ Pray to the Holy Spirit
- ❖ Talk to your parents and sponsor
- ❖ Find out real needs that people have in your family, neighborhood, parish, school or community.
- ❖ Think about the variety of ways in which you can use your talents and abilities to help others.

### **Ideas for Parish Service Opportunities**

\*\*\*At least 1 experience serving the parish (please commit to a minimum of 1 hour).

- Volunteer at **Vacation Bible Camp** (contact Sr. Judy)
- Altar serve** at Mass (for training contact Fr. Gary)
- Cantor/sing** in the **church choir** (contact Patrick Wickliffe)
- Assist with **Children's Liturgy of the Word**, Sundays at the 10am Mass (contact Sr. Judy)
- Help set up/ clean up at **parish events/functions** (watch bulletin for opportunities)
- Volunteer at the **Parish Rummage Sale** (contact Melissa Olenik)
- Volunteer as a **PSR Aide** in the Pre-K or 3-5 yr olds Sundays 10-11am or Grades 1-2 Mondays in the afternoon (contact Sr. Judy)
- Weed the **Garden of Life**, behind the parish office (contact Samantha Taylor 440-715-5108)
- Sort food collected from **SJA Giving Pantry** after Masses (contact Ann Wisniewski 440-338-1563)
- Think of your own idea to serve the parish community, contact a parish ministry to see how you can help!

### **Ideas for Community Service Opportunities**

\*\*\*At least 1 experience serving the community (please commit to a minimum of 1 hour).

- Volunteer at a soup kitchen or food pantry
- Volunteer working directly with/for the poor
- Collect clothes or toys for the needy
- Visit the elderly at home or in a nursing home
- Baby-sit for free
- Take care of a neighbor's pet
- Collect food for the poor
- Peer tutoring
- Help with a fund raising project for a charity
- Volunteer at school functions
- Assist senior citizens with their chores (yard work, snow shoveling)
- Make cards/write letters to hospitalized teens/ children/ elderly / military personnel
- Volunteer to work concession stands or referee sporting events

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## ORGANIZATIONS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

Many organizations require an adult with a teen under 16 yrs—these opportunities would be ideal for you to do with your sponsor.

### **Cleveland Food Bank**

www.clevelandfoodbank.org  
15500 So. Waterloo Rd.  
Cleveland, OH. 44110

**Contact:** Volunteer Services Assistant  
216-738-2069 or sign up online

\*Adult needed with teen. Volunteer to sort food.

### **Chagrin Falls Park Community Ctr.**

www.chagrinfallspark.org  
7060 Woodland Avenue  
Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023

**Contact:** 440-247-6030

\*Volunteer for special events, tutoring,  
office work, etc.

### **Geauga Habitat ReStore**

www.lake-geaugahabitat.org  
12180 Kinsman Road  
Newbury, OH 44065

**Contact:** Maryellen Sundstrom 440-226-3000, ext.  
107 volunteer@habitatgeauga.org

\*Adult needed with teen under 14. Volunteer to sort  
and organize donations.

### **Hamlet Village**

200 Hamlet Hills Dr.  
Chagrin Falls, OH. 44022

**Contact:** Molly Spencer 440-247-4200  
mollys@hamletretirement.com

\*Volunteer for activities with seniors & special events.

### **Hands On Northeast Ohio**

www.handoneo.org

\*This non-profit connects volunteers with service  
opportunities around NE Ohio. Search for service  
projects & register to volunteer!

### **Altercare at St. Joseph Center** *(Formerly Little Sisters of the Poor)*

4291 Richmond Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44122-6199

**Contact:** Linda 216-464-1222  
linda.scolaro@altercareonline.net

\*Volunteer for bingo or special events.

### **MedWish International**

www.medwish.org  
Cleveland Clinic Parker Building  
17325 Euclid Ave.  
East Cleveland, OH. 44112

**Contact:** Volunteer Coordinator 216-692-1685  
volunteer@medwish.org

\*Adult needed with teen. Volunteer to sort donations.

### **West Side Catholic Center**

www.wscenter.org  
3135 Lorain Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 4411

**Contact:** Allison Morford 216-631-4741 x122  
amorford@wscenter.org

\*Adult needed with teen. Volunteer to cook a meal,  
play with children, sort clothing, etc.