

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

SERVE OPPORTUNITIES

Are you, your family or Life Group looking for an opportunity to show love to your neighbor? Check-out the following list of service projects, opportunities, and ideas. From opportunities to give financially to agencies who invite regular, ongoing volunteers, there is something for everyone!

Ongoing Service Opportunities in our Community:

ORGANIZATION	ISSUE AREA
<p>Bethesda Mission (Harrisburg, PA) Visit: bethesdamission.org</p> <p>Current volunteer opportunities include prepping meals at home for guests of Bethesda's Women's Shelter; cleaning the community center facility; and serving in the after-school program. To volunteer, contact Rebecca Clymer, Volunteer Coordinator, at 717.257.4442 Ext. 229 or rclymer@bethesdamission.org.</p>	Poverty/Food Insecurity; Homelessness; At-Risk Youth
<p>The Breakfast Table (Carlisle, PA)</p> <p>CEFC has partnered with New Life Community Church to sponsor, prepare, and serve the breakfast meal on the third Sunday of every month. Breakfast is served at 9:00 AM and guests are invited to attend Sunday services at New Life immediately following the meal. To volunteer, please contact Ministry Leader, Barb Sears at 717.609.5015.</p>	Food Insecurity
<p>Central PA Food Bank (Harrisburg, PA) Visit: centralpafoodbank.org</p> <p>Did you know that volunteers produce the equivalent of a meal a minute while helping the Central PA Food Bank sort, process, and pack food? Visit the website or call 717.564.1700 to volunteer.</p>	Food Insecurity
<p>Mission Central (Mechanicsburg, PA) Visit: missioncentral.org</p> <p>Most groups volunteer for 2-3 hours at a time. Volunteer hours are scheduled Tuesday-Friday from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. If you'd like to volunteer, simply select a date and call 717.766.1533.</p>	Mission Outreach & Disaster Response

<p>Paxton Ministries (Harrisburg, PA) Visit: paxtonmin.org</p> <p>Groups of volunteers are invited to use their creativity and gifts to build relationships with residents of Paxton. Groups are needed to help lead activities (i.e., birthday parties; bingo; crafts) or assist with housekeeping, gardening & mealtime. If you'd like to serve at Paxton, contact Marla Sheaffer at msheaffer@paxtonmin.org or 717.236.5508.</p>	<p>Housing; Poverty; Supporting Adults with Mental Illness & Intellectual Disability</p>
<p>Project SHARE Farmstand & Food Distribution (Carlisle, PA) Visit: projectsharepa.org</p> <p>Project SHARE seeks to address issues of food insecurity in the greater Carlisle area. Project SHARE Food Distribution takes place the 3rd Thursday of each month. During the remaining weeks, Project SHARE offers distribution via their Farmstand. For more information or to sign-up to serve, visit: projectsharepa.volunteerhub.com or contact Meagan Smith, Volunteer Coordinator, at 717.249.7773 Ext. 232</p>	<p>Food Insecurity</p>
<p>Project SHARE Gleaning (Cumberland County) Visit: projectsharepa.org/gleaning</p> <p>During the months of June-October, volunteers are invited to come alongside Project SHARE to glean excess food from local orchards and farms. Food is then distributed through the Farmstand. Sign-Ups will begin in May. Visit projectsharepa.volunteerhub.com.</p>	<p>Food Insecurity; Environment;</p>
<p>Ronald McDonald House (Hershey, PA) Visit: rmhc-centralpa.org</p> <p>The Ronald McDonald House Charities of central PA seeks to keep families together and provide comfort to families whose children are receiving essential medical care. Group volunteers are needed to assist with the "Guest Chef Program" which takes place on weekdays (dinner: 6:00 PM); weekends (breakfast: 9:00 AM or dinner: 6:00 PM) and daily (baking: 1:00-3:00 PM). For questions or to sign up, contact Alyssa Noel at 717.533.4001, Ext. 158.</p>	<p>Family; Hospitality; Health & Wellness</p>
<p>Safe Harbour (Carlisle, PA) Visit: safeharbour.org</p> <p>Safe Harbour welcomes groups of volunteers to assist with work projects (i.e., painting; carpentry; moving furniture; cleaning; etc.) and managing the toys/playroom, which involves reorganizing; cleaning; and disposing of broken or inappropriate toys. To volunteer, visit: safeharbour.org/volunteer or contact 717.249.2200.</p>	<p>Housing/Homelessness</p>
<p>Salvation Army (Carlisle, PA) Visit: pa.salvationarmy.org/Carlisle</p> <p>The Salvation Army provides a community meal every day of the week. Volunteers are invited to cook, serve, or do both. Meals are distributed M-F (4:30-5:30 PM); Saturday (12-1 PM) and Sunday (5-6 PM). Contact Trinetta Ream (Trinetta.Ream@use.salvationarmy.org).</p>	<p>Housing/Homelessness & Food Insecurity</p>

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Project-Related Ideas:

1. Take a meal to a widow or single mom in the church or community.
2. Bake goodies and deliver them to your local police and fire station.
3. Write letters or send cards to missionaries.
4. Make personal care kits for migrant workers who are ministered to through **Fruitbelt Farmworker Christian Ministry**. Completed kits can be dropped off at the Church Office to be distributed by FFCM. Items should be placed in a one-gallon size, Ziplock bag. Items include:
 - 1 Bath Towel
 - 1 Wash Cloth
 - 2 Bars of Soap
 - 2 Rolls of Toilet Paper
 - 1 Adult Toothbrush
 - 1 Tube of Toothpaste
 - 2 Razors
 - 1 Can of Shaving Cream
 - Note of Gratitude/Encouragement
5. Contact the **Capital Area Pregnancy Center/Life Choices Clinic** (717.761.4410) to discuss hosting a “stock-the-shelves” event.
6. Check-out the most needed food or clothing items listed on the **Community CARES** (Homeless Shelter) website. Consider hosting a community drive and/or putting together goodie bags to drop off at CARES. Website: morethanshelter.org
7. Volunteer your time and talents at **Life Cycle** – a ministry through New Life Community Church that helps with transportation by providing bikes to anyone in the local community who has a need. Visit: newlifecommunity.us/services/lifecycle
8. Participate in a Craft Kit Making night with **Caitlin Smiles**. Caitlin Smiles Monthly craft nights and afternoons are held in Harrisburg. Contact: Cheryl Hornung (caitlinssmiles@comcast.net) to learn more or register your group.
9. Run/Walk a 5K for a Cause!
10. Choose a week and perform random acts of kindness. Then – share with your Life Group the next time you meet up. For ideas, visit: RandomActsofKindness.org