

## 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**
- Volunteer as a **PSR Aide** in the Pre-K or 4-5 yr olds Sundays 10-11am or Grades 1-2 Mondays from 4:30-5:45pm (contact Sr. Judy)
- Weed the **Garden of Life**, behind the parish office (contact Samantha Taylor 440-715-5108-via text)
- Sort food collected from **SJA Giving Pantry** after Masses (contact Bob Fay 440-247-9649)
- 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. \*You are asked to call or email the organization to determine the day and time you are needed to volunteer.

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

4291 Richmond Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44122-6199

**Contact:** Wendy Kakou 216-244-7307  
[wendy.kakou@altercareonline.net](mailto:wendy.kakou@altercareonline.net)

\*Volunteer for bingo Wednesdays – 2:00/Fridays—  
special events –2:00

### **Cleveland Food Bank**

15500 So. Waterloo Rd.  
Cleveland, OH. 44110

**Contact:** Matt Jackson 216-738-2069  
[mjackson@clevelandfoodbank.org](mailto:mjackson@clevelandfoodbank.org)

\*Adult needed with teen. Volunteer to sort food or  
Direct Service: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 4-6pm  
(Produce Distribution)

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

7060 Woodland Avenue  
Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023

**Contact:** Dee Richards 440-247-6030  
[cfpdee@fcsohio.org](mailto:cfpdee@fcsohio.org)

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

### **Hamlet Village**

200 Hamlet Hills Dr.  
Chagrin Falls, OH. 44022

**Contact:** Julie Fredrickson 440-247-4201  
[julief@hamletretirement.com](mailto:julief@hamletretirement.com)

\*Volunteer for projects and/or activities with seniors

### **Hands On Northeast Ohio**

[www.handoneo.org](http://www.handoneo.org)

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

### **MedWish International**

[www.medwish.org](http://www.medwish.org)  
Cleveland Clinic Parker Building  
17325 Euclid Ave.  
East Cleveland, OH. 44112

**Contact:** Caley Haehn 216-588-0298  
[volunteer@medwish.org](mailto:volunteer@medwish.org)

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

### **United Service Organizations (USO)**

St. Joan's & Chagrin Falls Site

**Contact:** Ralph and Noel Burr 440-338-5311

\*Making Cards for service personnel. 200 boxes  
are sent out each month. All could use a "Thank You  
and I'm Praying for You" card.

### **West Side Catholic Center**

[www.wscenter.org](http://www.wscenter.org)  
3135 Lorain Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

**Contact:** Terrie Garr 216-631-4741 x122  
[tgarr@wscenter.org](mailto:tgarr@wscenter.org)

\*Adult needed with teen. 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month,  
9-12 work in food pantry; last Saturday of the month,  
bag and deliver food-mobile pantry.