

Mitzvah Day 2024 Service Project Descriptions

In-Person Projects on 10/19				
Service Activity	Partner Agency/Site Location	Project Time	Site Capacity	Project Notes
Donate blood	American Red Cross Blood Drive in the Parish Center Gym	8:00 am-1:00 pm	57 available appointments	Register for a donation appointment through the Red Cross website or QR code in the bulletin.
Assist with receiving and boxing donations	Church Gathering Space	9:00 am-11 am	2	Volunteers should be comfortable lifting heavy boxes.
Sorting food items, restocking shelves, cleaning refrigerators and freezers	Cherry Hill Food Pantry 910 Beechwood Ave Cherry Hill, NJ 08002	9:00 am-12:00 pm	30	Ages 14+ welcome. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Some tasks include heavy lifting. Closed toed shoes are required.
Beach Sweep (beach clean-up)	NJ Clean Ocean Action Meet at Palmyra Cove Nature Park 1335 NJ-73 Palmyra, NJ 08065	10:00 am-1:00 pm Rain or shine!	Unlimited	All ages are welcome. Children 12 and under must have an adult present. Participants do not need to stay for all 3 hours if they are not able to. After signing up, please register online . Suggested items to bring: a bucket to collect debris, gloves, sturdy shoes, dress in layers, sunscreen, bug spray, a water bottle.
Sorting clothing Yardwork	Good Counsel Home 116 Heulings Ave Riverside, NJ 08075	9:00 am-12:00 pm	FULL 2 for sorting clothing 2 for yard work	Ages 13+ welcome.
Painting four doors and woodwork trim around doors.	St. Cecilia School 4851 Camden Ave, Pennsauken, NJ 08110	9:00 am-12:00 pm	4	Ages 18+ welcome. Volunteers will bring drop cloths, rollers, paint trays, and brushes. The site will provide the paint. The parish can help with purchasing supplies. Wear clothes you don't mind getting paint on.

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Painting radiator covers. Planting bulbs in front of school.	Sacred Heart School 4th and Jasper Streets Camden, NJ 08104	9:00 am until projects are finished	2 for painting 2 for planting	Ages 16+ welcome. Volunteers will bring a drop cloth, brushes, a small paint roller, paint trays, gloves, gardening tools, and bulbs. The parish can help with purchasing supplies. Wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty.
Outdoor gardening Crafts with nursing home residents Facilitate BINGO	United Methodist Communities at Collingswood 460 Haddon Ave, Collingswood, NJ 08108	Gardening: 9:00-11:00 am Crafts: 10:00-11:30 am BINGO: 1:30-3:00 pm	10 for yardwork 5 for crafts 5 for BINGO	All ages welcome. All materials will be provided.
Prepare food (at home) and serve lunch	Joseph's House 555 Atlantic Ave, Camden, NJ 08104	9:30 am-12:30 pm	6-10	Prepare food at home and serve lunch to the shelter guests. Children permitted when accompanied by parents. The parish can help pay for food ingredients if needed. Volunteers will gather at COL at 9:30 am and arrive at JH around 10:00. Lunch will be served around 11:30, followed by tour of JH.
Serve lunch	Cathedral Kitchen 1514 Federal Street Camden, NJ 08105	10:30 am-1:00 pm	FULL 5	Ages 16+ welcome. Volunteers must register in CK's online volunteer portal before serving.
Food bank distribution	South Jersey Food Bank "Hope Mobile" 1644 North Main St. Williamstown, NJ 08094	8:00-10:30 am	8-10	Ages 11+ welcome. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Dress casually.
Prepare dinner for the residents and coordinate a game/craft	Ronald McDonald House 550 Mickle Blvd Camden, NJ 08103	4:00 pm-6:00 pm	8	Ages 13+ welcome. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. The parish can help pay for food if needed.

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Gardening work	Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Center 904 N 25th St Camden, NJ 08105	9:00 am-11:00 am	8	Cleaning up the garden boxes/beds. Gardening tools and trash bags provided but you are also welcome to bring your own tools if desired.
Make sandwiches	Parish Center- St. Mary's Room. Sandwiches benefit Cathedral Kitchen, Last Stop, Joseph's House, and St. Bart's.	9:00 am-11:00 am	Unlimited	All ages are welcome. Please bring at least one giant loaf of white bread, one pound of either beef bologna or turkey breast and a half pound of American cheese per participant.
Create holiday decorations for local nursing home residents	Parish Center- St. John Room.	9:00 am-11:00 am	10	All ages are welcome. Supplies will be provided in the room.
Drive sandwiches from the Parish Center to several nonprofits in Camden	Sandwiches benefit Cathedral Kitchen, Last Stop, Joseph's House, and St. Bart's	11:00 am	5	Meet outside of the Parish Center to load sandwiches into vehicles.
Decorate placemats	Parish Center- St. Francis Room. Placemats will be donated to Cathedral Kitchen and Joseph's House.	9:00 am-11:00 am	15	All ages are welcome. Placemats and art supplies will be provided in the room.
Create utensil packages	Parish Center- St. John Room. Utensil packages will be donated to Cathedral Kitchen and Joseph's House.	9:00 am-11:00 am	15	All ages are welcome. Supplies will be provided in the room.

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At-Home Projects		
Service Activity	Partner Agency	Project Notes
Prepare frozen meals at home for seniors	St. Bart's Serves Seniors	St. Bart's has an outreach program providing nutritious meals to seniors in Camden. The parish will provide dishes to use which have compartments as well as meal suggestions. These meals will be made at home, frozen at home (preferably) and returned. After you register, Julie will contact you to schedule a time to pick up supplies and to drop off the meals.
Make sandwiches	Sandwiches benefit Cathedral Kitchen, Last Stop, Joseph's House, and St. Bart's	Make at home and drop off at the Parish Center between 9-11 am on October 19. Sandwiches can be made of beef bologna or turkey breast and American cheese. Please use one slice of cheese and two slices of meat on either white or wheat bread. After assembling the sandwich, place it in a Ziplock bag and seal it (we avoid using the flap-type sandwich bags since they are not as hygienic for food distribution). You can place the completed sandwiches in the bread sleeve and seal it.
Assemble fleece scarves	Scarves benefit individuals experiencing homelessness at several local shelter agencies.	After you register, Julie will contact you about supplies and instructions.
Create clay heats for hospice patients and families	Samaritan Hospice	Supplies and instructions will be provided.

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In-Person Projects on Alternate Date

Service Activity	Partner Agency/Site Location	Project Date & Time	Site Capacity	Project Notes
Purchase breakfast items in advance and serve to the children participating in this program.	Kids Alley 4100 Terrace Ave Pennsauken, NJ	Sat., October 12 9:30-10:30 am to serve breakfast; 10:30-1:00 pm to assist with the program.	6-8	Ages 12+ welcome. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. The parish can help with purchasing breakfast food.

Donation Collections

Items Requested	Partner Agency	Date Needed
Gift cards to JoAnne Fabrics, Michael's, BJ's, ShopRite, ACME, Target or Walmart. Cardboard boxes for transporting sandwiches.	Used to purchase craft and sandwich-making supplies for the Parish Center service projects.	Drop off at the Parish Office or put in offertory collection before 10/19.
Pillowcases L and XL sized t-shirts	Donated to SSJ Neighborhood Center to create bags for their food distribution.	Collection bin in the Church Gathering Space from 10/-1 through 10/19.
Toiletries (both full sized and travel sized): soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, tissues, deodorant, menstrual hygiene products, hand and lotions, lip balm, heavy rain ponchos, body wipes, etc.	Donated to Volunteers of America, Cathedral Kitchen, and Joseph's House.	Collection bin in the Church Gathering Space from 10/-1 through 10/19.
New Men's boxer shorts and briefs New women's hipster briefs New socks for men and women	Donated to Joseph's House and Last Stop	Collection bin in the Church Gathering Space from 10/-1 through 10/19.
Individually packaged snacks like granola bars, pretzels, nuts, trail mix, etc.	Donated to Cathedral Kitchen	Collection bin in the Church Gathering Space from 10/-1 through 10/19.

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Men's and women's winter hats and gloves	Donated to Joseph's House	Collection bin in the Church Gathering Space from 10/-1 through 10/19.
New or gently used adult backpacks New or gently used luggage on wheels New or gently used women's handbags or tote bags	Donated to Volunteers of America	Collection bin in the Church Gathering Space from 10/-1 through 10/19.
Small Ziploc bags Medium kitchen garbage bags Towels, washcloths and non-fitted sheets (can be used but must be clean)	Donated to Animal Welfare Association	Collection bin in the Church Gathering Space from 10/-1 through 10/19.
Office supplies: printer paper, construction paper, envelopes, notepads, staples.	Donated to St. Cecilia School in Pennsauken	Collection bin in the Church Gathering Space from 10/-1 through 10/19.