

7th and 8th Service Ideas

- Service ideas is split into 3 separate sections. This first section of suggested service projects are things that you would sign up/research on your own on how to participate.

-Animal Adoption Center 501 Berlin Rd. N, Lindenwold, NJ 856-435-9116
To see their volunteer opportunities, go to www.aacnj.org/volunteer/ ***All 7th grade volunteers must have their parent /guardian permission as well as an adult volunteer with them.**

-Become an altar server for our parish. Contact coordinator Donna Freiling for more information at 856-842-2378. *Please note this is a minimum commitment of 1 full calendar year.

-Day of Service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, Monday, January 20th. Gloucester Township website will offer different opportunities to sign up for. Sign up through their website in fall 2019. They offer about 20-30 different service opportunities.

-Special Olympics volunteer (bowling, basketball, baseball, track) Google local programs to volunteer.

-Assist at the local St. Vincent DePaul food bank. Help bag up food and hand out bags/check food for expiration dates. Your contact person is Donna Freiling. Please call her at 856-842-2378 to volunteer. Limited to 2 students per session, currently program runs on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of most months. The food bank is located at 13 E. Evergreen Ave. in Somerdale. Distribution time is 10am-1:00pm. Help may be needed before and after those hours for set up and clean up.

-Ronald McDonald House, Camden, NJ www.ronaldhouse-snj.org
A parent/guardian permission and supervision is required.

-Can you crochet or knit? Join the parish's Fiber Club to make blankets for the babies in the parish being baptized. They meet in the parish center on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Thursday nights of the month beginning at 7:00pm.

-Volunteer to work at a walk/run for the JDRF, American Cancer Society, Autism Speaks etc; charity events at your school and through your school clubs/activities during after school hours of evenings and weekends.

-Assist a senior citizen with yardwork, house maintenance or housework/cleaning (please see guidelines - a maximum of 5 hours/7th graders only)

-Help at your school during the summer months with cleaning, organizing and/or getting the school ready for the new school year in September.

-The Unforgotten Haven in Blackwood is a grass roots charity organization that helps people in need with food, clothing and special request needs. Check their website unforgottenhaven.org for their weekly hours and their current project list. They appreciate and usually take walk in help. They are located at 100 South Black Horse Pike in Blackwood. They appreciate having blessing bags, chemo snack bags and sandwiches made and donated. Each August they hold a weekend event to fill backpacks with school supplies for less fortunate children. Each year in the spring they hold an event to make Ester Baskets for less fortunate children. Sign up for these projects through their website as signups are opened. This is a great place for the whole family to serve together and there is always something that needs to be done!

-Philabundance in South Philadelphia has family volunteer opportunities on 2 Tuesday nights of each month. You must sign up through their website and they fill up quickly. They also have times that individuals can sign up but all minors must be chaperoned by an adult. Visit their website philabundance.org for more information. This is a good thing to do during the summertime as there seems to be more openings. (Parents that have done this before have told me that it is very easy to get to even though it is on Packer Ave. in South Philly.)

-Volunteer at Joseph's House in Camden. Joseph's House strives to provide a hospitable environment for homeless people who need a safe and warm place to stay overnight. The primary goal is to build relationships with the guests that will lead to pathways out of homelessness. A parent/guardian must volunteer along with their child. Taken from their website: The ideal volunteer is hospitable, non-judgmental, compassionate, and open to the volunteer experience.

Outline of Volunteer Duties:

- Assist the JHOC team with greeting guests and serving a meal for 80 people
- Assist in the kitchen with simple food preparation, service, & clean up
- Meet the guests and engage in conversation
- Assist with the various needs of our guests
- Assist with general clean up
- Volunteer hours are 8:30 PM-10:00 PM

To find out more on how to volunteer, contact Shaniqua Nobles at 856-246-1087 or email sn@jhoc.org. A training session may be required to volunteer. The building is at 555 Atlantic Avenue, Camden, NJ 08104.

-Assist a Boy Scout with his Eagle Scout project for the community, church or other nonprofit charity.

-Participate in local community clean up days. Help clean up township ball fields and snack stands at the beginning and end of the seasons.

-Ask a family member, neighbor or family friend, with parent permission, who works or volunteers for a nonprofit organization how you can volunteer for them.

-Arrange with a local assisted living facility/nursing home to bring your dog for a visit with the residents in a common area. Each assisted living/nursing home has individual rules for bringing in an animal and not all facilities will allow this but many do. A parent/guardian must stay with their child and the dog throughout the entire visit.

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- This second section of suggested service projects were suggested by the Diocese of Camden and are things that you would sign up/research on your own on how to participate. There are a few suggestions down the shore for those families that spend their summers down the shore. These are all projects that parents/guardians and/or your sponsor can do with you. Some may also be appropriate for siblings to participate in as well.

-Catholic Charities-Multiple volunteer opportunities throughout the diocese. Contact Sylvia Loumeau, Volunteer Coordinator at 856-342-4162 or at Sylvia.loumeau@camdendiocese.org.

-Catholic Partnership Schools-Camden-V.E.N. Program (Volunteers Engaging Neighbors)-tutoring, ESL, homework help. After school program volunteers, and bookmates who read to students in grades K-2 weekly. Contact Glenna Harkins-Director of Programs at 856-338-0966 or at gharkins@catholicpartnershipschools.org.

-Center for Environmental Transformation-Camden-Mission is to engage, educate and inspire people to practice a more environmentally responsible way of living on the planet. First Saturday volunteers as well as many other opportunities based on interests. Call 856-365-8111 or at info@cfet.org.

-Cherry Hill Food Pantry-Provides food for Cherry Hill residents and those in local zip codes. Volunteers assist with stocking food, packing bags and assisting guests with other needs. Contact Janet Giordano, Executive Director at 856-428-0300 or at cherryhillfoodpantry@gmail.com.

-Community Food Bank of NJ-Egg Harbor Township. Individuals and families help in the thrift store, sort food donations, stock pantry. Contact Maria Bocelle at mbocelle@cfnj.org or Volunteer Services Dept. at 609-383-8843 ext. 114.

-Habitat for Humanity-Cape May County www.habitatcapemaycounty.org
Volunteer at a construction site, at a community garden or at The ReStore. Call 856-486-0040 for information.

-Food Bank of South Jersey-Must be over 13 years or under 16 is ok with and parent/guardian supervision. Can volunteer at Distribution Center in Pennsauken, partner sites, at special events or in the office. Contact Volunteer Services at 856-662-4884 or at volunteers@foodbanksj.org.

-Heart of Camden-www.heartofcamden.org Sponsored by Sacred Heart Church. Individuals volunteer to assist in renovating abandoned homes, painting, demolition, cleaning etc...Contact Phil Nippins, Volunteer Coordinator at 856-966-1212 or at pnippins@heartofcamden.org.

-The Neighborhood Center-Camden-Volunteers serve meals, read to children, tutor after school and help in the community garden. Contact Christa Galvin at christa@ncicamden.com or 856-365-5295.

-Ronald McDonald House-Camden-Volunteers prepare and serve meals to ill children and their families. Volunteers can interact, play games and participate in Family Fun nights. Contact Danielle Goldsboro at Danielle@ronaldhouse-snj.org or 856-966-4663.

-United Way of Atlantic County-Wide variety of volunteer opportunities throughout the county. Email volunteer@unitedwayac.org or contact the Volunteer Center at 609-404-9945.

-Urban Promise-Camden-Its mission is to equip children and young adults with the skills necessary for academic achievement, life management, spiritual growth and leadership through camps, after school programs, 2 schools and job training. Contact Pamela Foxx, Director of Operations and Volunteer Coordinator at pfoxx@urbanpromiseusa.org or 856-382-1860.

-Vine Community-Merchantville-www.vinecommunitynj.org Group home for adults with developmental disabilities faithful to the message of Jean Vanier and Henri Nouwen. Varied volunteer opportunities. Please call 856-324-0288.

-Volunteers of America-Collingswood-<http://www.vimsj.org/> Wide array of volunteer sites. Contact Lynette Hernandez at jhernandez@voadv.org or call 856-854-4660.

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- This third section of suggested service projects will be offered by the Faith Formation office throughout the year as details become available. All signups will be done through email on a first come, first assigned basis.

-Help at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Berlin this summer. This project will run from July 9th through August 29th. There will be 2 shifts each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Shifts are 10am-12:30pm and 12:30pm-3:00pm. Up to 2 students can volunteer each shift. Children will be helping clients using the food bank and helping accept incoming food donations. Signup information will be emailed by June 17th. Hours will be given on a first come, first assigned basis. The store is located at 157 W. White Horse Pike, Berlin. I suggest a parent/guardian/trusted adult remain close to the premises when their child volunteers as this is a public place.

-Assist the Monday afternoon Faith Formation program as an aide in our 1st and/or 2nd grades. This project will run from mid-September through the beginning of April. You can sign up for 1 week or up to 4 weeks to help. They do not need to be consecutive weeks. Volunteer hours will be from 4:00pm-5:30pm. Signups will begin in late August.

-Assist the Knights of Columbus with annual fall bake sale weekend. Information will be emailed home in early fall.

-Assist the Knights of Columbus with setting up/cleaning up for their fundraising events.

-Help the parish hospitality team serve and clean up for Café Guadalupe in each church which is usually held on the first Sunday of the months of September through June. Help in St. Lawrence Church from 10:00am-11:00am or in St. Luke Church from 11:15am-12:30pm. Signups will begin in late August.

-Help decorate St. Luke Church for Christmas. The date and times will be emailed home in early December.

-Help set up the JPPII School gymnasium for the annual Christmas Eve Children's Mass.

-Help set up for Confirmation in spring 2020. (7th graders only)

-Help distribute program booklets at the parish Confirmation in spring 2020. (7th graders only)

-Help set up for First Holy Communion in spring 2020. (7th graders only)

-Help to set up/clean up before/after parish fundraisers and events.

-Volunteer at St. John of God in Westville with the special needs population. They hold monthly dances on Wednesday nights and weekly religious education classes on Saturday mornings that always need volunteers. Their schedule for the year usually comes out in late September.

-The Faith Formation Office will offer a few service projects beginning in October. These projects will be offered for after school hours for just the 7th/8th grader to participate in and on Sunday mornings for the entire family and/or sponsor to participate in. These projects may include activities such as making sandwiches, utensil packs, centerpieces and placemats for the Cathedral Kitchen in Camden; making blessing bags for the homeless at St. Joseph House in Camden or making chemo snack bags for the Unforgotten Haven in Blackwood.

-Help with the JPPII clothing drive to be held October 18th and 19th at the school.

-Assist with set up or clean-up of the annual JPPII carnival in May 2020.
(7th graders only)

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- If you become aware of a community group, nonprofit organization or charity that would welcome 7th and 8th grade volunteers, with or without a parent's supervision, please let the Faith Formation office know so we can look into offering that opportunity to all families in the program.
- Your child may choose to do service that is not on this list as these are just suggestions that others have done in the past. If you have a question about an idea for service hours that is not on the attached list, please contact Michele Salvino in the parish office for guidance.