

FFF FAMILY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES 2026

Just like last year, we will have the opportunity to put our servants' hearts into action!

We will not have a gathering in May, rather your family will choose a way to volunteer and serve others together!

These projects focus on helping the poor and vulnerable, caring for the earth, being present to the homebound, and more. Please see the list of suggested opportunities and either choose one or contact us if you'd like to suggest another service project. You can serve together with other families or do it with your own family. Make it fun! Make it a part of your regular family practice of faith.

Please complete the response form that will let us know what you did, and what you learned from it. **Projects should be completed by June 1, 2026.**

We are looking forward to seeing all the good, kind, and selfless work!

NOTE: Family Response Form Due by June 1st – this will serve as your attendance for May. Click here: [**RESPONSE FORM**](#)

Service PROJECT/AGENCY and DATE	Type of service work & details	CONTACT PERSON & INFO	Restrictions and other information
Haiti-Packathon May 8 – 7:00-9:00pm May 9- 12:30-2:30pm Presentation	-Packing meals for the vulnerable and marginalized of Haiti. This is the same event we had here at Presentation, just at a different location.	Maureen Murphy Marilou Tenazas	All ages welcome Families work together in teams *FEE: \$20.00 per person *WE WILL EMAIL AS SOON AS REGISTRATOIN OPENS
Family Promise of Bergen County Hike for Hope (Ridgewood, NJ)	-Three mile walk in support of working families facing homelessness *Date to be determined – usually the first Saturday in May	www.bergenfamilypromise.org For all volunteer inquiries please contact our Director of Volunteers Margo Heller at mheller@bergenfamilypromise.org or call the office at <u>201-833-8009</u> .	Must register in advance and pay registration fee. -All ages welcome *Family Event
Community Food Bank of NJ (Hillside, NJ)	-Sorting and packing donated food; sorting and packing clothing in the kids closet; etc. A great place to serve! *FAMILY DAY: Sat. April 25, 2026 for parents and kids ages 6-11 9-11am OR 11:30-1:30pm	Tracey Hendricks www.cfbnj.org/volunteer 908-355-3663 ex. 221 For Family Day, contact Kristen Hull at khull@cfbnj.org .	Volunteer App. Required Advanced registration required This is a great place to work and see!
Market Street Mission Soup Kitchen (Market Street, Morristown, NJ)	Serving (2) meals for residents and the hungry and homeless.	Debbie McKenna (973)538-6337 DMckenna@MarketStreet.Org Market Street Mission 9 Market Street Morristown, NJ 07960	*Ages – 12 and over

Children’s Aid and Family Services (Paramus, NJ)	Provides services that protect and support vulnerable children, adults and families. They have many things to do with adults with Special needs and other programs and collections.	volunteer@casfnj.org 201-740-7104	
Hackensack Riverkeepers River cleanups	-Help maintain our rivers and waterways by cleaning up with others	https://www.hackensackriverkeeper.org/rivercleanupprogram	Must register in advance *See website for Clean-up events – there are many coming up!
Catholic Charities, Paterson Fr English Center	You can work in the thrift store or in the food pantry organizing and sorting donations. You can also work outside in the gardens or doing general cleanup. There is a lot to do!	Contact croldan@catholiccharities.org or aalonso@catholiccharities.org https://ccpaterson.org/volunteer	
Keep Rockland Beautiful	-Choose a community clean up event and work together to beautify Rockland County	Keep Rockland Beautiful – Working Together for a Cleaner, Greener Rockland	Dates being in Spring -All ages welcome
Bergen Volunteers	Volunteers can work outside, do arts and crafts, serve meals, etc.	https://volunteer.bergenvolunteers.org/need/index?s=1&need_init_id=1618	Has various opportunities for those ages 12 and up and their families.
Jersey Cares	This organization offers <i>many</i> service opportunities for ages 4-20! Parents too! There are many events in various locations in NJ outside in parks and towns. Mobile marketplaces serve meals to those in need.	https://www.jerseycares.org/youth-service	Various projects and dates and times. *You must do something in person, not virtually. There are many events on MLK Day!

Project Linus	This organization makes blankets for children who are ill, traumatized or otherwise in need. If you like to sew this is for you!	https://www.projectlinus.org/#	

Even MORE ways to serve the community this Lent and everyday!

- Cook and deliver a meal to someone who is in need or lonely.
- Plant a vegetable garden and share the produce with those who need food.
- Collect non-perishable items for your local food bank. Encourage your friends to donate too.
- Have a lemonade stand or car wash to raise money for a ministry that provides clean water for third world countries.
- Clean out closets and donate gently used clothing (toys, games, and books too).
- Make hygiene bags and first aid kits and give them to your local homeless shelter.
- Call a hospice center and ask if there are errands you can run for their patients.
- Do yard work for an elderly neighbor.
- Make holiday cards and deliver them to an assisted living facility.
- Go on a prayer walk around your neighborhood. Pray for each home and the families who live there.
- Create thank you gifts for local law enforcement.
- Write thank you notes to veterans and deliver them to the VA hospital.
- Write letters or send cards/gifts to troops.
- Collect school supplies for children whose families cannot afford them.
- Bring food, toys, old blankets/towels to a local animal shelter
- Sort items at your local recycling center.
- Decorate shoe boxes and fill them with games, activities and/or books for children at a local hospital.
- Visit a nursing home and play games or read to residents.
- Organize a local park cleanup etc.
- Have a book drive for school libraries.
- Collect non-perishable food for kids who may not have food over the summer. Many places collect this.
- Go shopping for food that we need here in our Food Pantry and come with the kids to bring it to Maureen. She can show you the pantry!