

Project 1: Friendly House

Friendly House was funded "for the educational, social and family betterment of residents of the City of Worcester." Friendly House/Settlement House (multi-service center) works with entire families both nuclear and extended, as an integrating force for the families and the Neighborhood(s) it serves. Friendly House provides a continuum of comprehensive coordinated neighborhood basic services to inner-city families.

Team Captain: Nancy Hughes

Project Description: Team will do light outdoor clean-up around the facility.

Address/Location: 87 Elm Street, Worcester, MA

Age Recommendation: This project is appropriate for families as well as teens and adults.

Abilities/Skills: No special skills are required.

Volunteers Needed: 6

Project 2: Yard Clean-Up

In loving service to our homebound parishioners and others in need we will perform spring clean-up, minor repairs, etc.

Team Captain: Vi Jefferson

Project Description: General yard work and clean-up for some of our homebound senior citizens who are served by the Health & Bereavement Ministry. More information to follow on yard tools that you will need to bring with you.

Location: Parishioner residences in Shrewsbury, MA

Age Recommendation: This project is appropriate for families as well as teens and adults.

Abilities/Skills: No special skills are required.

Volunteers Needed: 12

Project 3: Homebound Visits

In loving service to our homebound parishioners and others in need we visit and spend time with them.

Team Captain: Vi Jefferson

Project Description: Provide a friendly visit to bring God's love through presence and words to our homebound parishioners.

Location: Shrewsbury, MA

Time: Visits will be made between 9:30 am and 1:00 pm. Confirmation of your visiting time will be provided after registration and confirmation with the homebound parishioner.

Age Recommendation: This project is appropriate for families as well as teens and adults.

Abilities/Skills: No special skills are required.

Volunteers Needed: 4

Project 4: Habitat for Humanity - ReStore

The Habitat for Humanity-MetroWest/Greater Worcester ReStore is a unique retail outlet that accepts donated goods and sells them at a fraction of their regular retail prices. The proceeds from these sales go right back into our home building efforts! Volunteering at the ReStore is a new and unique way to donate your time and put your skills to work providing affordable housing opportunities for families in need. Having retail experience is a plus, but anyone 14 and older is welcome to volunteer. Volunteers are crucial to the success of our ReStore.

Team Captain:

Project Description: Volunteers assist with donations, work with customers, move heavy items, merchandize, create displays, clean, organize and work on project-based tasks. You should wear comfortable clothes and closed-toed shoes/sneakers/boots. A break room with a fridge and water cooler is available if you'd like to bring a lunch.

Location: 640 Lincoln Street, Worcester, MA

Time: 9:30AM - 1:30PM (store is open until 5PM if you choose to stay longer)

Age Recommendation: You must be 16 & over for this project and will need to sign a waiver.

Abilities/Skills: Ability to lift up to 50 pounds (unloading truck)

Volunteers Needed: 12

Project 5: St. Anne's Human Services

Saint Anne's Food Pantry supports over 1,000 Shrewsbury residents with monthly bags of groceries. Many of those recipients are elderly adults on a fixed income and families with young children attempting to make ends meet. Saint Anne's contributes 16 cents per pound as a shared maintenance fee to the Worcester County Food Bank. Funds are raised through donations or the sale of clothing and home goods in the Saint Anne's Thrift Shop.

Team Captain:

Project Description: Volunteers will do outdoor cleanup and should bring own rakes and gloves. If raining, the team will do indoor clean-up of kitchen and painting in the basement. Suggested to wear old clothes and sneakers.

Location: St. Anne's, Shrewsbury

Age Recommendation: This project is appropriate for teens and adults.

Abilities/Skills: No special skills are required.

Volunteers Needed: 8

Project 6: St. Johns Food Pantry (St. Francis Xavier Center)

No man, woman or child should ever be hungry. Unfortunately in Worcester, Massachusetts that is not the case. [Today](#) an increasing number of the inner city's homeless, poor and marginalized people are seeking help from St. John's Food for the Poor Program at 44 Temple Street in the heart of Worcester, Massachusetts. For 177 years, St. John's Church has lived out its mission by providing sustenance and dignity to anyone who comes to their doors. [Today](#), St. John's Food Pantry is the only place in the city where the hungry can receive a hot breakfast.

Team Captain: Ron & Kathy Thompson

Project Description: Our volunteers team members will do some light cleaning of the kitchen & dining room, assist with distribution of food to guests, and assist in stocking shelves in the food storage area.

Location: 44 Temple Street, Worcester, MA

Age Recommendation: This project is appropriate for teens and adults.

Abilities/Skills: No special skills are required.

Volunteers Needed: 12

Project 7: St. Johns Food Pantry Food Collection (St. Francis Xavier Center)

This project can be completed prior to Day of Service

Team Captain: Tony & Lisa Ferguson

Project Description: Food collection to help stock St. Johns Food Pantry. Boxes for your donations are at the entrances of the church. Items needed include:

- Juice
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Mac & Cheese
- Fruit in cans
- Soups
- Chili

Location: Food can be dropped off at St. Mary's

Time: N/A

Project 8: Visitation House

Grounded in the Gospel and in the culture of life of the Catholic Church, Visitation House is a home that welcomes women with crisis pregnancies in the spirit of Elizabeth, who welcomed her cousin the Virgin Mary with awe-filled joy and true hospitality of heart.

Team Captain:

Project Description: Our volunteers team members will do some light outdoor work.

Location: 119 Endicott Street, Worcester, MA

Time: 9:30am - 1:00pm

Age Recommendation: This project is appropriate for teens and adults.

Abilities/Skills: No special skills are required.

Volunteers Needed: 10

Project 9: Broad Meadow Brook

Broad Meadow Brook in Worcester is the largest urban wildlife sanctuary in New England, with more than 400 acres cooperatively managed or owned by Mass Audubon. Interpretive signs will guide you along well-marked trails through woods, fields, streams, and marsh. The center also serves as the visitor site for the National Park Service's Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor.

Team Captain: Rob Mackson

Project Description: We will help to spruce up the pavilion bird gardens around the solar pavilion that provide habitat for our winged visitors. Help give them some TLC by weeding the garden beds and applying wood chips to protect the plantings. This is an outdoor project. Please dress for the weather, wear sturdy footwear, and bring garden gloves and rakes if you have them.

Location: 414 Massasoit Road, Worcester, MA

Time: 9:30am - 1:00pm

Age Recommendation: This project is appropriate for families

Abilities/Skills: No special skills are required.

Volunteers Needed: 15

Project 10: Shrewsbury Library

In a welcoming environment, with diverse materials, programs and services, the mission of Shrewsbury Public Library is to stimulate the imagination, nurture literacy in young children, empower people to find and use information, encourage lifelong learning, and support our evolving community.

Team Captain:

Project Description: Outdoor clean-up of the courtyard area.

Location: Shrewsbury, MA

Time: 9:30am - 1:00pm

Age Recommendation: This project is appropriate for families

Abilities/Skills: No special skills required

Volunteers Needed: 8

Project 11: Mercy Centre

This is a school / center for intellectually challenged kids and adults and is part of Catholic Charities. Their goal is to help develop the full potential of each person whom they serve morally, physically, cognitively, emotionally, educationally, socially and vocationally. They empower these special children and adults to reach this goal by providing comprehensive educational and employment training opportunities in a loving and caring environment.

Team Captain:

Project Description: Outdoor clean-up & gardening.

Location: 25 West Chester St , Worcester, MA

Time: 9:30AM - 1:00PM

Age Recommendation: This project is appropriate for teens and adults.

Abilities/Skills: No special skills are required.

Volunteers Needed: 8

Project 12: St. Mary Garden Ministry

Come and share in the stewardship of God's Creation! Spend time with friends and family doing minor weeding and spring clean-up of both our flower and vegetable garden beds.

Team Captain: Stephanie Muzzy

Project Description: Assist with the Garden's at St. Mary's. In addition to general garden clean-up, we planting flowers. Please bring gloves, rakes and shovels.

Location: This project will be onsite at St. Mary's

Time: 9:30AM - 1:00PM

Age Recommendation: This project is appropriate for families, teens and adults.

Abilities/Skills: No special skills are required.

Volunteers Needed: 20