



Make serving your neighbor a summer activity!

We have a number of local charities that are looking for help. What better way to embrace the spirit of America's 250th birthday and the 800th anniversary of St. Francis's death than sharing the love of Christ in our community? There are a number of creative and flexible one-time opportunities this summer to try out from now until the end of August (or beyond).

Find the option below that fits your interest, needs, or schedule! Make it a family or group activity!

Paul's Place – Come help support hot lunch services or make an impact in the Marketplace (clothing bank) and assist those in need in shopping for clothes. Help sort and size, label, and tag clothing on Wednesdays-Fridays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Or Mondays-Fridays you can assist people serving a hot lunch from 10:20am to 1pm. You can do both options – clothing and food – from 9am to 1pm on Wednesday-Friday.

1118 Ward Street, Baltimore, MD 21230

Contact: chevonnef@paulsplaceoutreach.org

<https://paulsplace.rosterfy.com/login>

Little Sisters of the Poor - St. Martin's Home – Bring life and joy to those in assisted living, independent living with low income, and nursing care by doing little works of love! Needs include assisting residents with activities, crafts, or exercise, serving meals, companionship, and driving residents to appointments. Dates and times are flexible. There is also a Hospitality Club for young women ages 13-17 to help the elderly monthly on Saturdays from 11am to 3pm.

601 Maiden Choice Lane, Baltimore, MD 21228

volsbaltimore@littlesistersofthepoor.org

<https://littlesistersofthepoorbaltimore.org/get-involved/>

Blessing Bags – (Sunday August 2 @ St. Francis) – Socialize and have a treat after Mass and also help pack bags of care items for local seniors that receive living assistance and nursing care from Little Sisters of the Poor. No signup, just drop by, and make a bag. Also, help us distribute the bags to the seniors (date TBD).

8300 Old Columbia Road, Columbia, MD 20745

Contact: Anthony Chavez parishcoordinator@instrumentofpeace.org

Beans & Bread – Help with lunch service for 300 people receiving housing, health, mental health, recovery, and employment support. Encounter those whom Christ invites us to love. Lunch service shifts are available Monday-Friday from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

400 S. Bond Street, Baltimore, MD 21231

<https://www.volgistics.com/od/13931/assignment/333/profile>

Grassroots – (Tuesdays 6:45-8:00pm) Bring some cheer and fun to the residents and families at Grassroots receiving crisis intervention by running an activity night. Grassroots has the activity planned...you and others just run it or provide items! The weekly events are: Painting & Lemon Aid (7/21), Minute to Win It (7/28), Bingo (8/4), Family Feud (8/11), Trivia & Watermelon (8/18), Charades (8/25).

6700 Freetown Road, Columbia, MD 21044

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4CAEAA2FA3F94-64336571-tuesday#/?](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4CAEAA2FA3F94-64336571-tuesday#/)

Mary's Home – Respect life by accompanying mothers who have said yes to the children that God gave them. Opportunities are on an as-needed basis (see sign-up webpage). The current needs that have various times include child care, housekeeping and organizing, and offering to teach (e.g., skill or exercise).

3675 Park Avenue, Suite 301, Ellicott City, MD 21043

<https://www.maryshomemaryland.org/volunteer> or call 443-574-7746

Elizabeth's House – Assist food pantry clients with their groceries, as well as help stock the food pantry. All volunteers must be able to do some heavy lifting and go up and down stairs. Teams sort donations, set up bags, and help clients. Need drivers too (ask about requirements). Tuesday shifts from 9 am to 12:30 pm.

308 Gorman Avenue, Laurel, MD 20707

<https://fishoflaurel.org/volunteering-opportunities>

Don't forget that our parishes offer regular ongoing service outreach opportunities and are always happy to have your help! See our webpages at instrumentofpeace.org/outreach-and-service and stlouisparish.org/outreach for more information.

We pray these additional opportunities challenge you to answer the call with your families or friends to serve God by serving others. Embrace the spirit of America and St. Francis this summer!

