Family Service Opportunities

Family Promise *Partner in Mercy*

Family Promise of Western Waukesha County prevents and ends homelessness for families with children and helps them achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response.

Volunteer: Many opportunities to serve as a family, including evenings.

Sister Parish – Santisimo Sacramento, Peru *Partner in Mercy*

Santisimo Sacramento's sponsors and benefactors feed the hungry, clothe the poor, provide medical aid to the sick and dying, educate and help to enable employment in Piura, Peru.

Adopt a Family: For $30/month, you can provide food to help a family's grocery needs for a month.

Donate: Money for general or specific needs

Mission Trips: Opportunities for adults to travel and serve.

MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary and Food Pantry *Partner in Mercy*

MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary creates a daytime sanctuary and multi-resource center for homeless and at-risk individuals in Milwaukee's impoverished Amani neighborhood (Milwaukee's 53206 zip code). They do this with core values of healing, spirituality, recovery, peer empowerment, dignity, nonviolence, advocacy, voice, sustainability and mutual transformation.

Volunteer: Many opportunities to serve, including sorting and distributing food, clothing, and household products.

Donate: Place food items in the MacCanon Brown bin in the gathering space.

People's Table *Partner in Mercy*

People's Table provides more than food. We deliver food assistance in Milwaukee while helping neighbors connect, build stability, and create stronger communities.

Volunteer: Prepare and distribute food

St. Vincent De Paul *Partner in Mercy*

The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) embraces all works of charity and justice to serve the needs of the poor and needy in our community. When individuals call the parish for help, the St. Vincent de Paul Society responds with a home visit to discern the individual's needs. SVdP can provide financial assistance as well as referrals to other organizations and institutions that may be of help.

Volunteer: Help serve a meal (ages 8 and up)

Donate: Clothes, shoes, and books can be donated using the bin in our parking lot.

Prayer Shawl Ministry *St. Anthony on the Lake ministry*

A prayer intention is offered for the recipient. In the process of knitting or crocheting, prayers are offered for healing, for comfort, for peace of mind. Prayer shawls are a tangible sign of God's love, and prayers are woven into each shawl.

Volunteer: Crochet or knit a prayer shawl with the group, which meets monthly on Tuesdays, or on your own.

Giving Tree *St. Anthony on the Lake ministry – in early December*

At Christmas time we sponsor numerous agencies, including our Partners in Mercy, through our Giving Tree Collection. Many of these agencies are shelters for adults or families who are homeless.

Donate: Choose tags/items to purchase and go shopping together as a family.

Hope Center *serving Waukesha County*

Reduces the risks of poverty by helping people in Waukesha County meet basic needs such as food, shelter and clothing through services, partnerships and community collaboration.

Donate: Food, clothes, or money

Volunteer: Sign up to serve a meal

Christmas Clearing Council of Waukesha County

Connects families in need with sponsors, donors and volunteers to provide meaningful holiday support to ensure children throughout Waukesha County experience the joy of the holiday season.

Volunteer: Organize the shop for those who will be shopping (all ages welcome including children when accompanied by an adult)

Sponsor a Family: Purchase and deliver Christmas gifts to area families.

Donate: Toys, books, mittens, gift cards, and monetary donations accepted.

United Way *Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County*

United Way connects individuals and groups to volunteer projects. Volunteering isn't just about filling a need. It's about creating a culture of compassion and shared responsibility.

Volunteer: Make Festive Fun Boxes at home or serve in person as a family.

Hope Street Ministry *on 26th and Capital in Milwaukee*

Hope Street is The Greenhouse for People on 26th and Capitol. We provide housing and community to empower broken men, women, and children to cultivate a relationship with Jesus, themselves, and others to restore hope that flourishing is possible for us all.

Volunteer for Serve Saturday: Assist with hands-on projects as a team with children and adults on the second Saturday of the month in the morning. There are no age restrictions.

Weekday Workdays: Volunteer groups lend a hand with a variety of practical projects. There are no age restrictions.

Service Projects at Home

Make Tie Blankets for the local homeless shelter, then drop them off.

Make Hygiene Kits for the homeless and keep them in your car. Hand them out when you see someone in need.

Sunbeam Kids *Serving the Greater Milwaukee Area – based in Brookfield*

Provides resources and consistent, turn-key, volunteer opportunities for busy families who want a way for the whole family to get involved in community service.

Volunteer: Visit their website at sunbeamkids.org for volunteer opportunities for the whole family.

Mission Trips *through St. Anthony on the Lake*

Middle School Mission of Mercy: This opportunity each summer serves those closer to home. Parents can chaperone.

High School Mission Trip: This opportunity is available each summer. Parents can chaperone.

Young Adult Mission Trip: Watch for opportunities to travel to our sister parish in Peru.