

Ideas for Volunteer Activities

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University Projects

Project Night Night

Holiday Giving Tree

Hats, scarves and mittens collection

Individual or Group Projects

Give blood or platelets

Sign up to be a chemo angel or senior angel (www.chemoangels.net)

Crochet, knit or sew hats, scarves, mittens/gloves and afghans for shelters or those hospitalized

Organize in department/college collection and delivery:

Food (consider Hunger Task Force or a nearby church)

Items for the troops

Items for homeless shelters (Consider the ones we work with – Hope House, Meta House, Cathedral Center, Casa Maria, Joy House/Rescue Mission)

School Supplies for area schools

Consider opening it up to the university

Cut coupons for the Sunday papers – when you have a good amount mail them to the USO in Germany for military families:

USAG Kaiserslautern

Army Community Service (Coupons)

Unit 23152

APO AE 09227

Plan and serve a dinner or lunch at Ronald McDonald House

Help serve food at a local Food program

Rescue Mission/Joy House – 1820 W. Wells

St. Benedict Community Meal Site – 1015 N. 9th St.

St. James Episcopal Church (The Gathering) – 833 W. Wisconsin

Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist (Open Door Café) – 831 N. Van Buren

Gesu Parish (1212 W. Michigan Ave.)

Help sort donations at one of the above homeless shelters

Volunteer at Zablocki VA Medical Center or Union Grove Veterans Home or any hospital

Knit, crochet and/or sew for our heroes (military) – patterns available online

- Ditty Bags (sewn)

- Small wheelchair tote bags (sewn)

- Wheelchair/Bedside/Walker tote (crochet)

- Catheter bag cover (sewn)

- Trech/Stoma bib Instructions (crochet)

- Patriotic walker/wheelchair tote bag (crochet)

- Hats (basic beanies) (knit)

- Hats can be knitted, crocheted or sewn – Use male colors

- Lap Robes (knit, crochet or sewn – male colors)

- Afghans (knit, crochet or sewn – male colors)

- Baby items (for operation top knot)

Consider volunteering or visiting residents in a Nursing Home or even Senior Apartments (sometimes after seniors move here their families and friends forget about them)

- Have a bingo game for resident with small prizes that they can use

- With the holidays coming do caroling session, plan a holiday party

Help with Toys for Tots or Holiday Toy Chest Drives (collecting and sorting)

Create cards or artwork for a local senior centers or senior retirement community.

Help your older neighbors with chores around the house or garden.

Volunteer at any hospital

Volunteer at the VAP (Veterans Assistance Program) – Shelters at 34th & Wells and 35th & Wisconsin

Serve a meal or link up with Kathy's House (for families of people needing long term care at area hospitals, etc.)

Bag Produce, Make food Loads, Produce Box Assembly – Share Wisconsin

Help raise needed funds for the VA Fischer House (support for furnished homes near medical centers where military and veterans' families can stay while a loved one is receiving care.)

Volunteer at the USO or USO activities (located in the War Memorial Center and Mitchell Airport).

Become involved with or collect for/with Soldiers Angels (www.soldiersangels.org).

Support the Troops Inc. and Treats for Troops (www.treatsfortroops.info)

Penfield Children's Center (26th & Wells)
Collect items for their lending library