

CONFIRMATION SERVICE SUGGESTIONS

The organizations on this list have been pre-approved.
If you volunteer with an organization not on the list, **you must receive prior approval from the Office of Faith Formation (lfiorenza@sjredbank.org)**

SUMMER SERVICE OPORTUNITES

Best Day Foundation

Website: bestdayfoundation.org

Contact: Cori (732)-492-0512 or cori@bestdayfoundation.org

Best Day Foundation enables children and young adults with special needs to build confidence and self-esteem through adventure activities which stretch their limits, expand their true potential, reinforce their achievement and connect them with diverse populations in their community. As a volunteer you will participate in activities including beach activities, kayaking, body boarding.

iCan Shine Bike Camp

Website: icanshine.org/Lincroft-nj

Lincroft, NJ

Website: icanshine.org

Email: info@icanshine.org

Phone: 732-861-3786

iCan provides learning opportunities in recreational activities for individuals with disabilities. Volunteers will get to make a difference by helping them learn how to ride a bike. Other activities include running, jumping on trampolines, talking, and baking cookies.

RallyCap Sports

Website: www.rcscnj.org

Address: Tindall Road, Middletown, NJ

Phone: 732-391-2282

Email: info@rallycapsports.org

RallyCap Sports is an all-volunteer organization offering programs for children with disabilities in seven athletic disciplines: baseball, soccer, basketball, flag football, tennis, golf and dance exercise.

Rising Treetops at Oakhurst

Website: risingtreetops.org

Address: 111 Monmouth Rd. Oakhurst, NJ

Phone: 732-531-0215

Camp Oakhurst is a summer sleep away camp and day respite services to children and adults with special needs including autism and physical and developmental disabilities.

***Volunteers are needed year-round, and do not stay at the camp. Commitment can be as many or as few hours as you would like to do.**

YEAR-ROUND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Altar Serving at St. James or other Parish.

Altar servers must have the Completion of Service Form signed by the attending priest for each Mass served. (Special Altar Server Completion of Service Form should be Used) Each Mass served counts as 1 hour of service. If you are not an altar server, and would like to become one, contact Mrs. Fiorenza.

Children's Choir at St. James or other Parish

Children's Choir members must have the Completion of Service Form signed by the Choir Director for each Mass in which he or she participates. (Special Children's Choir Completion of Service Form should be Used) Each Mass served counts as 1 hour of service.

Volunteering for the St. James Parish Evangelization Team

Help with setup, greeting and clean up at any of the Family Catechetical Events. Contact Mrs. Fiorenza to volunteer. Each event has only a limited number of slots in Sign-up Genius for volunteers.

Volunteering for the Children's Liturgy at St. James 10:30 Mass

Available September through May only

Sign ups will be posted on Sign-up Genius in September

Special Children's Liturgy Completion of Service Form should be used and signed by Mrs. McMullin. Each Mass counts as 1 hour of service

FOOD PANTRIES

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Parish Food Pantry OLPH Basement

121 Miller Street, Atlantic Highlands

Open Sundays 10:30 to noon, Mondays 5:30 to 7:00pm

Contact: Trisha Curtin (732)-539-5977

*** In addition to regular hours, ASK ABOUT their Thanksgiving event**

St. James Church of Bradley Beach Food Pantry

Address: 605 4th Avenue Bradley Beach, NJ 07720

Hours: Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm & Thursday 6:00 am - 7:00 pm

Contact: (732) 775-0161

St. Dorothea Church Food Pantry

Address: 240 Broad Street Eatontown, NJ 07724

Hours: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

2nd and 4th Saturday of every month 9:00 am to 10:30:00 am

Contact: Ask for MaryAnne, Jim, or Karen Walscein (732) 542-0148

*** Ask about the "Turkey Day" event in November**

St Michael's and St Vincent de Paul Society

Address: 16 Beachwood Ave. Long Branch, NJ 07740

Hours: 3rd Saturday of the month 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm by appointment

Contact: Mary Jensen (732) 483-0360

St. Johns' Food Pantry

Address: 2000 Florence Avenue Hazlet, NJ 07730

Hours: Thursdays 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Contact: (732) 264-1236

BPC (Backpack Crew) Food Pantry

Address: 247 Broad Street Red Bank , NJ 07701

Hours: First and third Mondays of every month 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Contact: Suzanne Dice at the following email: zannedice@aol.com

Phone: (732) 747-0446

*** Parent is requested to stay with student volunteer**

Lunch Break

Website: www.lunchbreak.org

Address: 121 Drs. James Parker Blvd. Red Bank, NJ

Phone: 732-747-8577

Email: info@lunchbreak.org

Lunch Break freely provides food, clothing, life skills and fellowship for those in need in Monmouth County and beyond. As a volunteer, we ask you to come prepared to serve in whatever capacity is needed for the day. You may be asked to prepare or serve food, wash dishes, clean tables and floors, shelve food in the pantry, organize clothing, answer incoming phone calls or even work outside.

***Parent is requested to stay with volunteer.**

OTHER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Someone Special Needs You

Website: ssny.org

Address: 72 Route 537, Colts Neck, NJ

Contact: Vince Scanelli

Phone: 732-431-0087 or email vince@ssny.org

*** Two events in November and December**

We provide a social, recreational and creative outlet where children with special needs can express themselves. Activities for special and handicapped children including various events such as crafts, exercise, singing, dancing, snacking and socializing.

Project Linus

Website: www.projectlinus.org

Phone: 609-575-2001

Monmouth County Contact: Cynthia R.

We provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans.

Sunrise Senior Living of Shrewsbury

Phone: 732-838-2040

Address: 766 Broad Street, Shrewsbury

Email: Shrewsbury.AVC@sunriseseniorliving.com

Contact: Heather McLaughlin, Activities and Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteer to assist seniors in activities such as light exercise, yoga classes, food and conversation events, games and current events discussions. Our programs are designed to bring residents and volunteers together to turn each day into an opportunity for everyone to *Live with Purpose*.

The Barn for the Poorest of the Poor

Website: barnforthepoor.org

Address: 49 Kanes Lane, Middletown, NJ 07748

Phone: 732-671-4163

Email: Barnforthepoor@gmail.com

The purpose of The Barn for the Poorest of the Poor is to collect and deliver a surplus of food from supermarkets/bakeries, etc. and deliver the food to local areas in need such as Lunch Break, Broken Loaves, St. Mark's Soup Kitchen in Keansburg and Project Paul.

Pajama Program

Website: www.pajamaprogram.org

Address: NJ Pajama Program

345 Oak Hill Road Red Bank, NJ 07701

Phone: 732-747-6144

With love and compassion, Pajama Program delivers the magical gifts of pajamas and books, offering children not only an escape from their immediate reality but, more importantly, a good night's sleep and a better tomorrow. And, although we start with pajamas and books, these are just tangible tools that help us deliver love, support and a bedtime ritual that delivers benefits far beyond clothing and reading.

Family Promise of Monmouth County

501 Malterer Avenue

Oceanport, NJ 07757

Website: familypromisemc.org

Phone: 732-495-1050

Our mission is to help homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response.

Working together, we provide temporary housing, meals, and services to more than 90,000 family members annually. We mentor at-risk families. We teach financial literacy, find jobs and affordable housing, and create programs to meet specific needs in their communities.