

Finding Ways to Serve – Confirmation Service Hours

The Unforgotten Haven

Website: <https://www.theunforgottenhaven.org/projects/>

This is an excellent resource, as the page has multiple links to service opportunities including the following:

- † PB&J Project (Making PB&J Sandwiches for the Homeless)
- † Cookies for Charity Project (Making Cookies for the Homeless)
- † Blessings Bags for the Homeless Project (Making Blessing Bags for the Homeless)
- † Empowerment Bags Project (Items for Women in Domestic Violence Shelters)
- † New Life Baskets - Helping Domestic Violence Victims
- † Baby Blessings Project (Items for New Moms In Need)
- † Party in a Bag Project (Party Supplies for Needy Children)
- † Homeless Outreach Project
- † Aunt Flo's In Town Project (Collecting Feminine Products for Girls and Women In Need)
- † Yarn for a Cause Project (Knitting or Crocheting Supplies for Those In Need)
- † Fleece Navidad Project (Making No Sew Fleece Blankets for Hospitalized Children & The Homeless)

Alex's Lemonade Stand

Website: <http://www.alexlemonade.org/campaign/kids-corner> Hold a lemonade stand to benefit the organization; link provides all information.

Good Counsel Home in Riverside

Website: <https://www.goodcounselhomes.org/how-to-help/volunteer> “Good Counsel is a nationally recognized nonprofit leader and innovator in creating supportive residential care and community-based services for homeless, expectant, and new mothers and their children in the context of the Catholic social tradition.” (There is a form on their website at the link above to fill out for those interested in volunteering.)

Volunteer Center of Burlington County

Website: <https://bcopportunities.wordpress.com/tag/teens/> Lists various organizations in the county that welcome teens to volunteer (some opportunities require being accompanied by an adult).

About Service Hours

Please keep in mind that service should be based on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy:

Spiritual Works of Mercy

The Spiritual Works of Mercy have long been a part of the Christian tradition, appearing in the works of theologians and spiritual writers throughout history. Just as Jesus attended to the spiritual well-being of those he ministered to, these Spiritual Works of Mercy guide us to "help our neighbor in their spiritual needs." *

- † Help others do what is right
 - † Teach the ignorant
- † Give advice to the doubtful
- † Comfort those who suffer
 - † Be patient with others
 - † Forgive injuries
- † Pray for the living and the dead

Corporal Works of Mercy

The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the [teachings of Jesus](#) and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. They "are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs." They respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life.*

- † Feed the hungry
- † Give drink to the thirsty
- † Give clothing to the poor
- † Visit those in prison
- † Shelter the homeless
- † Visit the sick

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