



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Diocese of Arlington

Service Projects

Catholic Charities Diocese of Arlington serves thousands of people in need, thanks to the many volunteers who conduct our service projects. These projects are appropriate for schools, scouts, adult prayer groups, religious education classes, parties and more. Before conducting a service project, please contact our office at volunteer@ccda.net to ensure current critical needs are met, and to receive detailed directions on how to conduct a project, drop off, educational information and more!

- ❖ **Welcome Home Backpacks** – Fill backpacks with much needed items for those leaving incarceration. Catholic Charities provides the empty backpacks, you provide the contents.
- ❖ **Care Packages** – Collect and pack basic seasonal needs such as toiletries, hygiene, and laundry items. Check for current list. Packages given to our clients at Christ House, refugee families, those visiting our Mother of Mercy Free Clinic and distributed through our Mobile Response Center.
- ❖ **Pack and Stack** – Food sorting, packing and unloading, for children aged 9+ with adult supervision. *Opportunities available on weekends in Manassas*
- ❖ **Sponsor a Pantry Shelf** – conduct a specific food item drives based on current need (e.g. peanut butter)
- ❖ **Farm Gleaning** – Connect with the earth and collect fresh produce through local farm partnerships; the produce goes directly to St. Lucy Project
- ❖ **Bake Sale for Food** – Host a bake sale and in exchange for money asks guests to bring a bag of non-perishable food for donation
- ❖ **Clean Your Closet** – Conduct a clothing drive for the Christ House Thrift Shop
- ❖ **Prayerful Gift Bags for Seniors** – Decorate and fill a bag for seniors with homemade crafts, prayers, letters, rosary, Bible, etc.
- ❖ **Faithful Affirmation Jars** – Pass along a little bit of kindness and brighten someone's day through a prayer or a heartfelt compliment in a jar – provided for those we serve.
- ❖ **Raise Awareness** – Invite a Catholic Charities to speak to your group, interview a staff member about a specific program of Catholic Charities allow us to share it with the diocesan Catholic community!
- ❖ **CHRISTMAS IS COMING!** Conduct an Advent Calendar Donation drive, hold a Christmas Card Drive for the incarcerated, make Christmas Stockings for our youngest clients.