

SMM Potential Stewardship ideas - For Families, For CYO Coaches, For Teachers and Students, For Everyone

Reminder: Read the SMM weekly bulletin for updates on our many active ministries and related contact information. Available at: stmarymagdalen.net/bulletins

	Non-Profit	Contact Information	Activity	Key Initial Details
1	Family Promise of Delaware County	Sue Fromhold sfromholdc1h1@verizon.net Dana Westby danawestby@hotmail.com	Help homeless children and their families while they live for a week at SMM in the basement (<i>St. Francis Room</i>) by serving as compassionate stewards for an hour or two.	Children and parents can play with the children of the hosted family by shooting baskets in the Church parking lot, using our playground, playing cards or a board game, etc. Also, students can enlist their family to come to the Church with a meal, eat with the families and then spend time socializing and lending a hand as the family being hosted at SMM gets settled for the evening, typically from 6 to 8 pm.
2	Bethesda Project	Joanne Hinkle johinkle@verizon.net	Prepare a casserole: Children help mom/dad/grandparent do so for homeless transitioning to permanent housing.	Casseroles are collected the 3rd Sunday of each month at SMM. The casseroles are given to the poor of Philadelphia who are transitioning from homelessness to housing at the Connelly House .
3	Catholic Social Services	Sue Fromhold sfromholdc1h1@verizon.net	Support the parish food pantry.	Our food pantry is always in need of non-perishable items. The specific items needed change and so check the SMM weekly bulletin for current items needed. Pantry bins for your donations are in the Church Narthex.
4	Little Sisters of the Poor	Joanne Hinkle johinkle@verizon.net	Support the elderly residents at Holy Family Home in West Philadelphia by collecting toiletries.	Go to: littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org to learn about their presence in Philadelphia since 1869 and their work in support of the elderly at Holy Family Home and discuss with your children. Collected toiletries can be left in the Church Narthex.
5	Oasis of Peace Orphanage	Sue Mita sem4819@aol.com	Help orphans in Kenya	Sue Mita helped launch this orphanage a few years ago. Contact Sue to learn more about ways to support the Orphanage.
6	Bringing Hope Home	Paul Isenberg paulisenberg@bringinghopehome.org Site: bringinghopehome.org	Provides emotional and financial support to local families with cancer.	Make a Box of Hope, go to: bringinghopehome.org/media/Box-of-Hope-Guide-2.pdf Decorate a shoe box, fill it with comfort items (<i>deck of cards, coloring book, crayons, etc</i>) and have it delivered to a family in need through BHH non-profit or work with them to have them delivered by you or your group.
7	CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) of Delaware County	Patty Szipszky pszipszky@gmail.com	Help children in the Foster System.	Collect school supplies, Christmas gifts, winter coats, bicycles, and money to support Foster Youth. Check with Patty Szipszky to understand the current need. Go to: delcocasa.org/about-us/contact-us
8	The Joy of Sox	Tracy McGuckin tracy@tjos.org Site: thejoyofsox.org	Help the homeless of Philadelphia	A team or group of students could collect new adult size socks. Drop off collected items with the charity or via the charity arrange to distribute the socks at a center in Philadelphia.
9	Sneakers for Soldiers	Site: sneakersforsoldiers.org	Support our military. A Malvern based organization profiled on ABC National news in July.	A team or group of students and families bakes cookies and sells them after Mass (<i>obtain Mgrs. Chieffo's permission</i>) to raise money for this non profit which supports our military.
10	Green Drop Collection Sites	None needed	Supports the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Red Cross and other non-profits.	Clean out that closets, garage or basement and contribute gently used items.
11	Mothers' Home (in Darby)	Sheila Mullen , call 610-639-9029 or msmullin@comcast.net	Supports life by helping mothers with young babies.	A team or group collects baby care items. Contact Sheila Mullen for latest needs and to arrange drop off. Mothers' Home (http://mothershome.org) since 1991 is a residential shelter which provides a safe haven for vulnerable, pregnant women in a crisis who choose life as a sacred gift.
12	City Team Ministries (in City of Chester)	Jude Pazulski pazulskicarpet@comcast.net Site: cityteam.org/chester	Help the poor and underserved in the city of Chester in Delco and Philadelphia.	Make PB&J Sandwiches to be given out by City Team or make arrangements to do so. Collect new and gently used winter coats for City Team to distribute.
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