

Youth Volunteer & Service Activities



Thank you for considering Opportunities for Otsego in your philanthropic efforts. We appreciate any assistance you can provide with the following tasks and activities. We encourage groups to expand on these ideas and develop other creative ways to assist families in need. *Groups with youth under the age of 18 who volunteer at an agency facility must be accompanied by a responsible adult affiliated with the group.*

Assist with Program Operations

- Clean Agency Vehicles (inside and outside)
- Read to Head Start Children or Organize a Seasonal Activity in the Classroom
- Spread Wood Chips on Playgrounds at Head Start and the Homeless Shelter
- Weed and Clean Out Landscaping at Agency Buildings

Awareness & Outreach Events

- Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (February)
- Child Abuse Prevention Month (April)- Pinwheels for Prevention
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month (April)- Take Back the Night March & Candlelight Vigil
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October) - Wear Purple Day
- Hunger & Homeless Awareness Week (November)

Fundraising

- Bake Sale for a Cause
- Bottle Drive
- Cell Phone Collection for the Violence Intervention Program
- “Change for Change”

Supply Drives & Collections

- Children’s Books (picture, board, and chapter)
- Classroom Supplies for Head Start
- Diapers (newborn through size 6)
- Hygiene & Personal Care Items for the Shelters (infants, children & adults)
- Winter Hats, Mittens & Scarves (children & adult sizes)

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Make Care Packages

- “Good Night” Kits for Children Entering the Shelters (pajamas, slippers, book, stuffed animal)
- Homeless Kits (socks, hand sanitizer, deodorant, body wipes, comb/brush, toothbrush and toothpaste, dry or bottled shampoo, chapstick, tissues)

“Good Night” Kits are given to children entering our shelters. The kits help provide a sense of stability and security during a time of crisis and provide nighttime clothing which may have been left behind when leaving an unsafe situation. We ask that pajamas and slippers be new/unworn.

Homeless Kits are given to homeless persons who choose not to stay at our shelter but are seeking assistance for their basic needs. Items in the kits should be travel size for easier transport and consider limited access to water.

Please contact Opportunities for Otsego for more information or to arrange for delivery of donations:

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