

Giving Opportunities

Thank you for giving to those in need in our community and brightening their holiday.

Food Drive for our Community: November 2 - 16

As followers of Jesus, we are called to work for the well-being of our neighbors, especially in tangible ways. Imagine, if everyone brought five items, we'd end up with more than 1,000 items to be delivered to Beyond Hunger, Harmony Community Cares, and Forest Park Food Pantry. Items could include canned goods, pasta, soup, canned fruit/veggies, etc. Items can be left in the canvas bin in the Atrium.

Help our Refugee Families with Groceries

The families that Grace has cared for since their arrival in the US are now afraid to go grocery shopping and are experiencing food insecurity related to recent cuts to SNAP, etc. and the Refugee Ministry wants to help them by collecting funds to purchase grocery store gift cards for them. To participate, you can donate via cash (marked "Refugee Ministry"), a check to Grace (memo: Refugee Ministry), or through Vanco's "Refugee Outreach Ministry" tile. If bringing cash or a check, you can leave it with the front desk or mail it to Grace.

Children's Costume Collection: November 2 - 16

Do you have a pile of Halloween costumes from your children's or grandchildren's trick or treating days that you don't know what to do with? The children's costumes should be in good condition. The Social Ministry Committee will donate them to Wonder Works Children's Museum in Oak Park. The museum's mission is to spark curiosity and creativity in all young children through positive play based learning experiences. Items can be left in the black bin in the Atrium.

The Giving Tree: November 9 - December 1

Please take a tag and purchase a gift or gift card and return it to Grace. This year, gifts and gift cards will go to foster children with Lutheran Social Services of Illinois; teen mothers and their young children with New Moms; children and teens with Children First; developmentally challenged adults with Oak-Leyden Adult Services; senior citizens in need at Mills Park Tower and homeless served by the Night Ministry. In some cases, your gift will be the only one the individual receives. If you have any questions please contact Heidi Hamernik at docheidihamernik@gmail.com.

Stocking Adoption: November 9 - December 3

Please adopt a stocking for the Night Ministry. The \$25 donation can be dropped at the front desk. The Social Ministry Committee will then purchase the needed toiletries, sundries, and warm winter gear and stuff the stockings that the Night Ministry will distribute to the homeless in Chicago. If you have any questions, contact Jo-Ellyn Dorsey at jodorsey47@gmail.com.