



## Lenten Service Opportunities\*

### *Easter Outreach Project*

On Easter we will deliver care packages to several shelters and non-profit centers/agencies in the San Antonio area who serve foster youth; homeless individuals & families; elderly; retired Religious; teenage moms; physically and mentally ill; and women & children who are victims of domestic violence. For those agencies who are short-staffed Easter morning, we will also offer Prayer Services and serve breakfast as well as assist the Easter Bunny with hiding eggs. In the past, this has provided our parish family a wonderful opportunity to let those who are marginalized in our community know that someone is thinking of them and they are not forgotten. Our theme is "**He Lives**" -- help us offer hope and show that Christ is alive in each of us this Easter.

### HOW CAN I HELP?

#### PILLOW MINISTRY

*The simple comfort of a pillow or a blanket that so many of us take for granted is a blessing to those we serve. We provide pillows year-round to those who need a soft place to lay their head--many who reside in a small room in an unfamiliar environment. Extra hands are needed during Lent as we provide hundreds of pillows and blankets in conjunction with our Easter Outreach Project.*

The sewing group meets Tuesday mornings at 10am in the Guadalupe Room in the Hall. You may also volunteer to help sew pillows or make blankets at home. For more information, please contact Kiki D'Ambrosia at 210-521-9123 or [jkdambrosia7144@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jkdambrosia7144@sbcglobal.net); or Sandra Archey at [sarchey@olghelotes.org](mailto:sarchey@olghelotes.org).

#### SPECIAL WORKDAY DURING SPRING BREAK FOR THOSE NEEDING SERVICE HOURS

We will host an extra workday this year on Wednesday, March 11 from 11am-6pm at The Annex house (11762 FM 1560N). Please stop by any period of time during these hours that works with your schedule. The Edge youth will be assisting with projects from 2-5pm on this day. There are tasks for all ages, including opportunities to assist with beautification of The Annex property and painting projects. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring an extra shirt if you plan to paint.

#### SORTING CLOTHES & DONATIONS AND PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

*We are in need of additional volunteers to help sort clothes and donations that are provided for our parish's outreach projects, as well as help to "put it all together" for delivery.*

If you are able to help, please join us for an hour or more from Thursday, April 2 - Friday, April 10 (11am-2pm or 6-9pm) at The Annex house located at 11762 FM 1560 N.



### MAKE EASTER EGGS

*We provide decorated, hard-boiled eggs as part of the breakfast we serve on Easter Sunday morning at the shelters. Please keep your eggs properly refrigerated.*

If you are able to help, please bring your decorated, hard-boiled eggs to The Annex house located at 11762 FM 1560 N on Saturday, April 11 from 11am-2pm. You can sign up to help with this by e-mailing Sandra Archey at [sarchey@olghelotes.org](mailto:sarchey@olghelotes.org) with your commitment to help and how many eggs you can provide.

### MAKE CASCARONES (CONFETTI EGGS)

*We provide cascarones (confetti eggs) to the children we serve.*

It can be fun for all ages to save your eggshells and look up online how to make cascarones as a family project. The children we serve are delighted to receive and crack the cascarones on Easter. Please see wish list for drop off times to deliver your cascarones.

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY DELIVERY HELP

Please e-mail your availability (day and hours) to Sandra Archey at [sarchey@olghelotes.org](mailto:sarchey@olghelotes.org) no later than Sunday, April 5.

### COLLECT/DONATE ITEMS FROM THE WISH LIST

Generous donations from throughout the greater community make this project possible. You can personally collect/purchase items from the Wish List for the Easter Project. You can also set up a donation box at your work, school, neighborhood or activity center to collect a designated item(s) from the wish list from March 6 through April 11. If you choose to do this, please notify Sandra Archey via e-mail at [sarchey@olghelotes.org](mailto:sarchey@olghelotes.org) or leave a message at 210-602-7233 and indicate what item(s) you are collecting. We receive one-third of our donations each year from collection boxes that our parishioners set up and oversee for us.

***\*Thank you for your continued help that allows us to serve hundreds in need. By your generosity, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of others. Please see the Parish Bulletin and Website ([www.olghelotes.org](http://www.olghelotes.org)) for additional opportunities to serve during Lent (i.e., Knights of Columbus 8<sup>th</sup> Annual 40 Cans for Lent Food Drive; Lenten Fish Fry; Liturgical Ministries; and More).***

“Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters that you do unto me.”

*Matthew 25:40*

