

# Lenten Community Outreach

“Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters that you do unto me.” *Matthew 25:40*

On the street I saw a homeless child with his mother – both shivering in the cold.  
I became angry and said to God, “Why do you permit this? Why don’t you do something?”  
For a while God said nothing. That night he spoke to me, “I did something. I made you.”

*Are you listening to how God calls you to reach out; to serve others; to share your time, talent and treasure - in your family, in your Church, in your city, in the world?* In a parish of our size, if we all do a little (or what we can) – it will add up to a lot and make a big impact.

For Easter we will deliver care packages and supplies for Easter Egg hunts to 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 in local hospitals; women & children who are victims of domestic violence, and our local St. Vincent de Paul families in need. We will also serve our parish family by providing an Easter Egg hunt again this year that is sponsored by our youth ministry.

This Easter Community Outreach project provides 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?

### “PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER” VOLUNTEER WORKDAYS

We need help to put everything together and prepare for shelter deliveries. If you are able to help for an hour or two, please stop by to join us at the new Family Center building. **Stay tuned for upcoming dates and times.**

### COLLECT/DONATE ITEMS FROM THE EASTER COMMUNITY OUTREACH 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.

## WISH LIST FOR EASTER COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT DONATIONS IN THE CHURCH FOYER ON SATURDAY, APRIL 1st AND SUNDAY, APRIL 2nd THIS YEAR. Additional dates to deliver items to the Family Center Building will be posted in mid-March.**

- ✓ **Stuffed animals (new or gently used and clean)**
- ✓ Full size toiletries and personal care products: shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, deodorant, sunblock, chapstick, makeup, feminine products, etc.
- ✓ Hotel toiletries (travel size) needed for emergency shelters
- ✓ Diapers, wipes and any baby care items (*including new or gently used toys/clothing for NB to 36 mths*)
- ✓ School supplies, journals & art pads, children’s & adult coloring books with crayons or colored pencils
- ✓ Plastic Easter eggs (empty or stuffed with candy)
- ✓ **INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY AND SNACKS**
- ✓ Water bottles and juice boxes
- ✓ New Easter toys or treats
- ✓ New tote bags (can be hand sewn) that can be used for the Easter Egg hunt (*We no longer distribute Easter baskets as we have been requested to provide tote bags that can be used year round by those in need*)
- ✓ New or gently used clothing for all ages (please make sure clean and placed in bags sorted by size and gender) **PLEASE NOTE SHOES & SOCKS** should be left in bins in the foyer for the shoes & sock drive
- ✓ New or gently used backpacks, duffle bags, small suitcases, purses, and similar bags

**Please drop off your canned goods in the Church foyer in the containers for the Knights of Columbus 40 cans for Lent Drive.**

*If you don’t have time to shop and would like to contribute, you may leave a monetary donation in an envelope and put it in the weekly collection or drop it off at the OLG Church office with a notation that it is to be used for Easter Community Outreach. Checks must be made payable to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.*

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

***By sharing your TIME, TALENT & TREASURE, we are making a difference in the community.***