**2021 Marathon Service Projects**

Please bring all donated supplies to school no later than Wednesday, Oct 13th.

**Kindergarten: BrainPower in a BackPack**

What supplies are needed? Foods should primarily be kid-friendly, easy-to-prepare, shelf stable (no refrigeration required) and nutritious. Examples include: small juices, individual boxes of cereal, oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, soup, pasta and rice meals, fruit cups, pop tarts, crackers and granola bars.

Lead Parent(s):

**1st & 2nd Grade: First Responder “Blessing” Bags**

What supplies are needed? Tote bags, drawstring totes, small-med size paper bags with handles; energy/protein bars, plain lip balm or chapstick, small packages of Kleenex, hand sanitizer, retractable pens, other add-ins as desired. Students will also create/color a short note of thanks to include in each bag – for example: tracing or painting a handprint “Hands Down, the best!” or “Sending a High 5 to say Thanks!”

Given out to Savage Fire & Police Departments, ER/Urgent Care Nurses, Assisted Living Nurses

Lead Parent(s):

**3rd Grade: Art Kits**

What supplies are needed? Our 3rd grade students will work with Catholic Charities in putting together materials to make art kits for children in their therapy programs. Need tote bags/bags to decorate, markers, colored pencils, sketch notebooks, 3 prong folders for printed coloring sheets

Lead Parent(s):

**4th Grade: Fleece Tie Blankets**

What supplies are needed? donations of Fleece will be needed in lengths of 1.5 - 2 yards and >42” wide. Both patterns and coordinating solids are helpful! Donate Fleece Tie Blankets to Smile Network or possibly Children’s Hospital

Lead Parent(s):

**5th Grade: Cards and Paracord Bracelets for the Military**

What supplies are needed? 5th graders will work with Operation Gratitude to write appreciation letters and make paracord bracelets that will be sent to new recruits and deployed servicemen & women. Donations of 550 weight paracord will be needed – each bracelet requires 7.5 ft of cord. Muted colors only (no fluorescent)

Lead Parent(s):

**6th Grade: Helping out around the School**

What supplies are needed? to be determined

Lead Parent(s): Will need extra parent volunteers to help small groups of students!

**7th Grade: Towel & Blanket Drive**

What supplies are needed? Gently used or new blankets and towels that will be given to Bridging.

Bed linens (full sets not required): pillowcases, flat and fitted sheets, mattress pads and bed skirts

Blankets, comforters, bedspreads: all sizes

Towels (full sets not required): kitchen and bath (wash, hand and bath)

Lead Parent(s):

**8th Grade: Toy & Book Drive**

What supplies are needed? Donated toys, cleaning wipes, assorted size batteries; Gently used books for K-8th reading levels

Specifics: New toys for ages 0-2yrs, new and used for 5 yrs and up, new and used for 8yrs and up, 8 and up suggestions: new Bath and Body Works items, new Makeup, new and used Legos, new and used electronics, new and used Sporting equipment. Toys will be donated to The Toy Corner and books will be donated to teachers and to a local charity - The Book Buggie (https://thefreebookbuggie.org)

Contact: NEED A LEAD VOLUNTEER TO COORDINATE DELIVERING ITEMS; Teachers will supervise toy refurbishing

**Project Stations - extra projects to grab for your class if you are looking to fill time:**

* **Adoration / Prayers** - we’ll collect prayer requests and special intentions from our school & parish family (we already do some of this for our Prayer Warrior Ministry) and then have these available for students and parents to pray over.
* **Cross craft project** - These can be added to projects the grades are working on (blessing bags, fleece blankets, rolled towels, etc), the Young Adult care packages, and kept for future uses too.
* **Birthday Cards & "I prayed for you today" card**- create birthday cards for our 80+ yr old parishioners who we already send cards to; looking into also making cards for one of our associated senior living centers; Young Adult care packages
* **Marathon Thank You's** - we will have a coloring sheet for the younger grades and blank SJB cards for the older students to color/write a thank you note that will be sent after Marathon closes to everyone who donated. We've done this in the past but like the idea of incorporating it into the Marathon Service Day.
* **Christmas Craft/Project** - we'll do something holiday themed that the kids could make and we can give to one of our associated senior living centers (possibly a paper wreath to hand on their doors?). Likely 2 projects for the younger & older groups.
* **Embellishing Journals** for Catholic Charities
* **Physical projects** such as deep cleaning lunch tables, desks, organizing sheet music, etc.
* Other ideas?