

## Volunteer Resources (2009)

List of new, as well as proven, service opportunities for 2009 Discipleship Groups:

Ambassador Nursing Home - 1540 North 72nd Street	393-6500
Acted out Bible stories for residents	
Did a talent show for residents	
Decorated Christmas cookies and caroled with residents	
American Cancer Society - 9850 Nicholas Street #200	393-5800
Relay for Life - held 2 <sup>nd</sup> weekend in June	
with various jobs. Possible assistance in	
February with Daffodil Days and	
Omaha Metro Youth Relay for Life in March or April	
Carolyn Scott Rainbow House - 7815 Harney Street	955-7815
Prepare and serve meals to families with	
children experiencing an extended stay in	
Children's Hospital. Helped with grounds keeping	
Catholic Charities Family Passage Transition House	554-0520
Bake cookies to decorate with children	
of the women staying at this transition	
home for the abused. Other involvement and	
education piece available.	
Contact: Erin Epley 827-3688	
Catholic Charities - 5211 South 31st Street	731-5413
Juan Diego Center - helped sort and	
stock donated items	
Child Saving Institute - 115 South 46th Street	553-6000
Made fleece blankets to be given to	
children facing crisis	
Countless other opportunities available.	
Children's Respite Care Center - 2010 N 88 St	496-1000
Contact Person: Kori Kelley	
Work with children at facility.	
Eastern Nebraska Office for the Aging - 4223 Center	444-6558
Various opportunities for service to low	
income elderly residents of Omaha	
Contact: Karen Kelly	
Essential Pregnancy Services - 5001 Leavenworth St.	554-0121
Office work/prepared mailings	
Participated in Life Chain	
Family Passage Transition House (Catholic Charities)	554-0520
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- Open Door Mission - 2828 North 23rd Street 422-1111  
Sort donations  
Work in kitchen  
Play with children  
Clean  
Contacts: Chris Morris ext. 1504  
Yulice Andrew ext. 7012  
Carol Chambers ext. 7044
- Operation Others 393-1190  
[www.creightonprep.creighton.edu/oo](http://www.creightonprep.creighton.edu/oo)  
Packing food boxes  
Delivering to homes  
Contact: Kathy O'Keefe at Creighton Prep
- Salvation Army - 3612 Cummings Street 898-6000  
Packed Back Packs for under privileged children  
Delivered back packs  
Various other opportunities
- Servants of Mary - 7400 Military Avenue 571-2547  
Visit with elderly sisters  
Write letters for them  
Watch a movie with them  
If nice, walk outside with them  
45 minute time frame  
Contact person: Fran Gilroy @ 955-0150 or  
571-2812
- Siena Francis House - 1702 Nicholas Street 341-1821 DIFFICULT SCHEDULING PROCESS;  
Baked cookies and delivered to the F.H.  
Contacted St. Pius X crew leader and  
prepared designated meal . Helped serve  
at evening meal from 4:15 - 7:15. Serve  
a brunch on Sundays. Optimal group size  
is no more than 10 so no one stands around.  
Contact: Kathy Gaines MUST CONTACT EARLY;  
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY  
PAST DG FACILITATORS
- Sisters of Notre Dame - 3501 State Street 455-2994  
Contacts: Sister Karen or Sister Mary Beth  
Planned and took part in the celebration  
of the Mass with the Sisters and residents  
of Seven Oaks Assisted Living  
(Seven Oaks is low-income housing for the  
elderly run by the Sisters)  
Helped with grounds keeping  
Christmas caroling at Seven Oaks
- Special Olympics Nebraska Inc. - 8801 F Street 331-5545  
Varied opportunities  
Assist in basketball tournament in February  
Track and Field in Spring  
Contact: [www.sone.org](http://www.sone.org) and download  
"summergamers" for applications
- Surprise Thrift Shop - 143 South 38th Street 341-0629  
Helped sort donations and stock Consignment shop  
All proceeds from this shop go to EPS

Habitat for Humanity - 2204 Ames Because of on-site age restrictions, service involves cleaning lots for future homes. Education piece provided.	457-5657	
Heart Ministry Center - 3124 Spaulding Street Prepared and Delivered Food Baskets to Low Income Families	451-2321	<u>PLAN B NEEDED</u>
Holy Family Peace Gardens - 1715 IZARD Street Assisted in gardening and were provided history of the Gardens	341-6561	
J.P. Lord School - 330 South 44th Street OPS school for disabled children Assisted in day of summer school activities	554-6771	<u>GROUP MATURITY REQUIRED AS WELL AS PRETEACHING</u>
Keep Omaha Beautiful - 1819 Farnam Street Schedule community park clean up. Material provided for sticker removal /possible paint	444-7774	
Light the Night Walk for Leukemia Foundation Occurs in fall Set up tables, tents, chairs Blow up balloon, pop popcorn Clean-up after completion of walk Contact: Paula Cooper 561-6996 or paula.cooper@lls.org	697-4995	
Literacy Center for the Midlands - 3615 Dodge Contact: Suzie Parsons Presentation available concerning literacy in the Omaha area. Sort, label books that will go to area clinics. Clean-up tasks in and around the Literacy Center.	342-1328	
Make-A-Wish - 11926 Arbor St. Numerous and various opportunities available. Contact: Lauren Cuellar	333-8999	
New Cassel Retirement Center - 900 North 90th Street Played Bingo and Visited with residents of the Alzheimer Unit	393-2277	
Omaha Food Bank - 6824 J Street Unload, sort, re-box, label food items. Background presentation included.	331-1213	



**Service is both a privilege and a responsibility.**

- Ted E. Bear Hollow - 2511 N 73 Street  
Spend time with children who have suffered  
the lose of a parent.  
Contact: Sara  
502-2773 PRETEACH
- United Way of the Midlands - 1805 Harney  
Multiple opportunities available for youth  
Contact: Raeanna Kuzma (522-7933)  
342-8232
- VA and the Paralyzed Veterans of America  
Wheelchair Games held last week of July  
Contact: Mike Wittlock ([michael.wittlock@va.gov](mailto:michael.wittlock@va.gov))  
More information at [www.wheelchairgames.va.gov](http://www.wheelchairgames.va.gov)
- Via Christe Assisted Living - 3636 California Street  
Contact: Kathy  
Tour given of facility. Candidates matched  
with elderly to visit. Then had an ice cream  
social and watched a movie.  
551-5557

Use this resource list as a starting point. There are countless opportunities in our parish, our Omaha community, and our world. Be open to your own creativity when it comes to finding projects. Let your family, friends, neighbors, and other people you are in contact with, know that you are available for projects. Be willing and free to explore possibilities. Use the internet, use the yellow pages, use your eyes and ears. If you ever question a project, or need assistance, please contact us. As Father O'Brien always said, "Make the effort, and release the outcome." You will be blessed over and over again.