

Confirmation Service Ideas/Examples

The following service projects were done by Confirmandi in the previous years:

- mentoring younger children at the local school, religious education class, library, Special Olympics
- visiting elderly in hospitals or retirement communities (The Evergreens) or helping an elderly neighbor or family member
- organizing a clothing drive or food drive for items to be donated to an organization (Good Counsel Homes, St. Vincent de Paul, Christine's Hope for Kids, Burlington County Animal Shelter, First Way, Code Blue Shelter)
- preparing food and helping at the Ronald McDonald House, TASK (Trenton Area Soup Kitchen)
- working on projects to help organizations like Cozies 4 Chemo, Hug Wraps, Newborns in Need

Rewarding experiences have been shared with us and we hope you are inspired, too:

"The best parts of my service was to serve the elderly and listen to them....I learned that comforting is very important. I comforted elderly just like how Jesus comfort others." LC

"My favorite part of my activity was cheering the athletes with disabilities. I say that because I really enjoyed seeing the athletes with disabilities laugh and look happy. I enjoyed that because of giving them my time, they had a smile on their face." GM

"Jesus always thought about others before himself. As an American teenager, sometimes I am selfish, self-centered, and don't think about others as often as I should. These volunteer experiences helped me to think and do for others." IH

"Seeing their faces so happy and thankful, made me happy. The most difficult part was seeing how much people needed help. " NS

"Jesus made sure that everybody had faith and trusted in him. By giving all these supplies for the children, I am hoping that they will have hope in Jesus and that their mothers may believe as well. Jesus also supplied others with what they needed , whether it be spiritually or physically. I hope that by giving these children what they needed, the mothers would understand that people still care for them and pray for them every day." CC

"During our visit to TASK, I witnessed many people in need and who are struggling. Many of them have no job, family or home. It makes me realize how grateful I am for my family and home." CF

Finding Ways to Serve

Here are just a few organizations that offer ideas and opportunities for service.

*****Please note: Contact with any organization should be done by a parent**:***

- † Good Counsel Home in Riverside - <http://www.goodcounselhomes.org/volunteer>
- † Volunteer Center of Burlington County (Opportunities for Youth) - <http://bcopportunities.wordpress.com/tag/teens/>
- † Burlington County Animal Alliance - http://www.bcaaofnj.org/bcaa_help.php?page=2#volunteer
- † Newborns in Need - 856-983-0715 (Burlington County, NJ chapter) <http://www.newbornsinneed.org/volunteer/>
- † Alex's Lemonade Stand - <http://www.alexslimonade.org/campaign/kids-corner>
- † Cozies 4 Chemo - <http://cozies4chemo.org/get-involved.html>
- † Christine's Hope for Kids - <http://christineshope.org/get-involved/>
- † Brown Bag Ministry - <https://fbcmh.org/ministries/brown-bag-brigade>
- † Pajama Program - <http://pajamaprogram.org/pajamas-books/start-a-drive/>
- † Ronald McDonald House of South Jersey - cooking a meal <https://ronaldhouse-snj.org/get-involved/volunteer/meals-activities/>
- † To search for volunteer opportunities in our area, go to:
volunteercenterburlingtoncounty.org/

If you know of any organizations not listed here which offer opportunities for youth volunteering, please contact us in the office at 609-267-6319 - we would love to add to this list!

**** Please see the reverse for important notes on service ****

Important Notes Regarding Service

Volunteering with the St. Vincent de Paul Society -

Each year we have many families inquiring about children serving with the SVDP Society for Confirmation service. Please note that, due to the needs of the SVDP Society, volunteers must be committed to regular, ongoing service; as such, unless a family is committed to this (children must have an adult present in order to volunteer in the pantry), it is best for a child to offer his or her service in another way.

Other ways to contribute -

If there is an organization with which your child would like to volunteer but cannot due to age restrictions, encourage him or her to be creative and find other ways to support the work of that organization. For example, even if you are unable to make the necessary commitment to be a St. Vincent de Paul volunteer, you could hold a bake sale to raise money for the SVDP food pantry.