



# Ways to Help Our Community this Holiday Season

*Whether you volunteer individually, as a family or as part of a group or parish, the possibilities for serving the poor are almost limitless.*



1. Pray for the poor, and ask God to transform your own attitudes about those in need, realizing that all of us are poor in some way before God's grace.
2. Suggest that a petition be added to the Prayers of the Faithful asking members of the parish open their hearts to the poor.
3. Collect food items for the Food Bank and/or volunteer to assist for a day of sorting, bagging, and distributing.
4. Visit residents at assisted living facilities or hospitals.
5. Buy restaurant gift cards to give out to people you see who need a meal or to those who request your aid.
6. Support the Parish Giving Tree by taking a tag and purchasing a gift for families and children in need.
7. Volunteer at the December Community Kitchen—December 28-31.
8. Make your own contributions to the "Aid to the Needy" Fund.
9. Support a charity you are passionate about.
10. Give thanks for your own blessings.



You will find rich rewards in fulfilling these stewardship tasks. For Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)



# Make a Difference in Someone's Life this Christmas



## **Samaritan House**

(406)257-5801

[www.homelessinthehead.com](http://www.homelessinthehead.com)

## **Ray of Hope**

(406)257-5700

[www.arayofhopemontana.com](http://www.arayofhopemontana.com)

## **Diocese of Helena**

[www.diceseofhelena.org](http://www.diceseofhelena.org)

[www.igivecatholic.org](http://www.igivecatholic.org)

## **The Salvation Army**

(406) 257-4357

[peggy.lundlin@usw.salvationarmy.org](mailto:peggy.lundlin@usw.salvationarmy.org)

## **Columba Falls Food Bank**

(406) 892-0241

## **Kalispell Food Bank**

(406) 752-3663

## **Whitefish Food Bank**

(406) 862-5863

[www.northvalleyfoodbank.org](http://www.northvalleyfoodbank.org)

## **Samaritan House**

(406) 257-5801

[www.samaritanhousemt.com](http://www.samaritanhousemt.com)

## **Sparrow's Nest**

(406) 309-5196

[www.sparrowsnestnwmt.org](http://www.sparrowsnestnwmt.org)



## **The Abbie Shelter and Violence**

### **Free Crisis Line**

Hotline: (406) 752-7273

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[www.abbieshelter.org](http://www.abbieshelter.org)