

# Project 1: Friendly House

Friendly House was funded “for the educational, social and family betterment of residents of the City of Worcester.” Friendly House/Settlement House (multi-service center) works with entire families both nuclear and extended, as an integrating force for the families and the Neighborhood(s) it serves. Friendly House provides a continuum of comprehensive coordinated neighborhood basic services to inner-city families.

**Team Captain:**

**Project Description:** *There will be 2 locations and two teams of volunteers for this project.*

Team 1 will work at the Elm Street location and do some light outdoor clean-up around the facilities. Team 2 will work at 5 Rugby Street, Apt # 2 and will be painting a 2 bedroom apartment.

**Address/Location:** 87 Elm Street, Worcester, MA

**Time:** 9:30AM - 1:00PM

**Age Recommendation:** This project is appropriate for families as well as teens and adults.

**Abilities/Skills:** No special skills are required.

**Volunteers Needed:** 6 volunteers for Elm Street location and 10 volunteers for Rugby Street location.

# Project 2: Yard Clean-Up/Minor Repairs

In loving service to our homebound parishioners and others in need we will perform spring clean-up, minor repairs, etc.

**Team Captain:** Vi Jefferson

**Project Description:** General yard work and clean-up for some of our homebound senior citizens who are served by the Health & Bereavement Ministry. More information to follow on yard tools that you will need to bring with you.

**Location:** Parishioner residences in Shrewsbury, MA

**Time:** 9:30AM - 1:00PM

**Age Recommendation:** This project is appropriate for families as well as teens and adults.

**Abilities/Skills:** No special skills are required.

**Volunteers Needed:** 14

## Project 3: Homebound Visits

In loving service to our homebound parishioners and others in need we visit and spend time with them.

**Team Captain:** Vi Jefferson

**Project Description:** Provide a friendly visit to bring God's love through presence and words to our homebound parishioners.

**Location:** Shrewsbury, MA

**Time:** Visits will be made between 9:30 am and 1:00 pm. Confirmation of your visiting time will be provided after registration and confirmation with the homebound parishioner.

**Age Recommendation:** This project is appropriate for families as well as teens and adults.

**Abilities/Skills:** No special skills are required.

**Volunteers Needed:** 3

## Project 4: Habitat for Humanity - ReStore

The Habitat for Humanity-MetroWest/Greater Worcester ReStore is a unique retail outlet that accepts donated goods and sells them at a fraction of their regular retail prices. The proceeds from these sales go right back into our home building efforts! Volunteering at the ReStore is a new and unique way to donate your time and put your skills to work providing affordable housing opportunities for families in need. Having retail experience is a plus, but anyone 14 and older is welcome to volunteer. Volunteers are crucial to the success of our ReStore.

**Team Captain:** Susan Zybert

**Project Description:** Volunteers assist with donations, work with customers, move heavy items, merchandize, create displays, clean, organize and work on project-based tasks. You should wear comfortable clothes and closed-toed shoes/sneakers/boots. A break room with a fridge and water cooler is available if you'd like to bring a lunch.

**Location:** 11 Distributor Road at Gold Star Blvd., Worcester, MA

**Time:** 9:30AM - 1:30PM (store is open until 5PM if you choose to stay longer)

**Age Recommendation:** You must be 16 & over for this project and will need to sign a waiver.

**Abilities/Skills:** Ability to lift up to 50 pounds (unloading truck)

**Volunteers Needed:** 12

## Project 5: St. Anne's Human Services

Saint Anne's Food Pantry supports over 1,000 Shrewsbury residents with monthly bags of groceries. Many of those recipients are elderly adults on a fixed income and families with young children attempting to make ends meet. Saint Anne's contributes 16 cents per pound as a shared maintenance fee to the Worcester Country Food Bank. Funds are raised through donations or the sale of clothing and home goods in the Saint Anne's Thrift Shop.

**Team Captain:**

**Project Description:** Volunteers will have an opportunity to learn more about Saint Anne's through direct involvement with work performed in the Thrift Shop and Food Distribution Center. Opportunities include stocking food items & cleaning. Suggested to wear old clothes and sneakers.

**Location:** St. Anne's, Shrewsbury

**Time:** 9:30am - 1:00pm

**Age Recommendation:** This project is appropriate for teens and adults.

**Abilities/Skills:** No special skills are required.

**Volunteers Needed:** 10

## Project 6: St. Johns Food Pantry (St. Francis Xavier Center)

No man, woman or child should ever be hungry. Unfortunately in Worcester, Massachusetts that is not the case. [Today](#) an increasing number of the inner city's homeless, poor and marginalized people are seeking help from St. John's Food for the Poor Program at 44 Temple Street in the heart of Worcester, Massachusetts. For 177 years, St. John's Church has lived out its mission by providing sustenance and dignity to anyone who comes to their doors. [Today](#), St. John's Food Pantry is the only place in the city where the hungry can receive a hot breakfast.

**Team Captain:** Tony & Lisa Ferguson

**Project Description:** Our volunteers team members will do some light cleaning of the kitchen & dining room, assist with distribution of food to guests, and assist in stocking shelves in the food storage area.

**Location:** 44 Temple Street, Worcester, MA

**Time:** *8:00am - 10:00am (NOTE, this project has an alternate start time)*

**Age Recommendation:** This project is appropriate for teens and adults.

**Abilities/Skills:** No special skills are required.

**Volunteers Needed:** 10

# Project 7: St. Johns Food Pantry Food Collection (St. Francis Xavier Center)

*This project can be completed prior to Day of Service*

**Team Captain:** Tony & Lisa Ferguson

**Project Description:** Food collection to help stock St. Johns Food Pantry. Boxes for your donations are at the entrances of the church. Items needed include:

- Juice
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Mac & Cheese
- Fruit in cans
- Soups
- Chili

**Location:** Food can be dropped off at St. Mary's

**Time:** N/A

## Project 8: Veterans, Inc.

Veterans Inc. is a national leader in ending homelessness among veterans. We have one of the highest rates in the nation – 85% – for transitioning veterans out of homelessness. A 501(c)3 nonprofit headquartered in Massachusetts, Veterans Inc. is the largest provider of support services to veterans and their families in New England. Since 1990, we have helped more than 65,000 veterans in need and d

**Team Captain:**

**Project Description:** Volunteers will do light outdoor clean-up around the facilities.

**Location:** 69 Grove Street, Worcester, MA

**Time:** 9:30am - 1:00pm

**Age Recommendation:** This project is appropriate for teens and adults.

**Abilities/Skills:** No special skills are required.

**Volunteers Needed:** 10

# Project 9: Visitation House

Grounded in the Gospel and in the culture of life of the Catholic Church, Visitation House is a home that welcomes women with crisis pregnancies in the spirit of Elizabeth, who welcomed her cousin the Virgin Mary with awe-filled joy and true hospitality of heart.

**Team Captain:** Dan Malo

**Project Description:** Our volunteers team members will do some light outdoor work.

**Location:** 119 Endicott Street, Worcester, MA

**Time:** 9:30am - 1:00pm

**Age Recommendation:** This project is appropriate for teens and adults.

**Abilities/Skills:** No special skills are required.

**Volunteers Needed:** 10

# Project 10: Broad Meadow Brook

Broad Meadow Brook in Worcester is the largest urban wildlife sanctuary in New England, with more than 400 acres cooperatively managed or owned by Mass Audubon. Interpretive signs will guide you along well-marked trails through woods, fields, streams, and marsh. The center also serves as the visitor site for the National Park Service's Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor.

**Team Captain:** Rob Mackson

**Project Description:** We will help to spruce up the pavilion bird gardens around the solar pavilion that provide habitat for our winged visitors. Help give them some TLC by weeding the garden beds and applying wood chips to protect the plantings. This is an outdoor project. Please dress for the weather, wear sturdy footwear, and bring garden gloves and rakes if you have them.

**Location:** 414 Massasoit Road, Worcester, MA

**Time:** 9:30am - 1:00pm

**Age Recommendation:** This project is appropriate for families

**Abilities/Skills:** No special skills are required.

**Volunteers Needed:** 15

# Project 11: Saints Francis and Therese Catholic Worker House

Founded in 1986 by Carl Siciliano, Sarah Jeglosky, Dan Ethier, and Claire and Scott Schaeffer-Duffy, the Saints Francis & Thérèse Catholic Worker community offers emergency shelter to single men and women, while promoting peace and justice through education and nonviolent direct action. Their work is funded entirely by donations generated from their newspaper, *The Catholic Radical* and their cottage industry, The Bread Not Bombs Bakery. The community is inspired by the Bible, lives of the saints (especially their patrons, Francis of Assisi and Thérèse of Lisieux), papal encyclicals, and the writings of modern apostles of nonviolence, prayer, and simple living. They welcome volunteers and contributors to their paper. They are also available to give presentations on the Catholic Worker and peacemaking.

**Team Captain:** Matt Canfield

**Project Description:** Volunteers will help with street and garden clean-up.

**Location:** 52 Mason Street, Worcester, MA

**Time:** 9:30am - 1:00pm

**Age Recommendation:** This project is appropriate for adults.

**Abilities/Skills:** *If you are a skilled handy man, or woman, this is the project for you. They would also like us to re-fence the garden and put on a new garden gate.*

**Volunteers Needed:** 8

# Project 12: Jeremiah's Inn

Hunger isn't seasonal, which is why our year-round food drive gets so much attention. Devote an afternoon to stocking our pantry and see first-hand the families we help daily.

**Team Captain:** Nancy Hughes

**Project Description:** This team will do clean, organize donations and laundry.

**Location:** 1059 Main St, Worcester, MA

**Time:** 9:30am - 1:00pm

**Age Recommendation:** This project is appropriate for teens & adults.

**Abilities/Skills:** No special skills required

**Volunteers Needed:** 8

# Project 13: Interfaith Hospitality Network

The Interfaith Hospitality Network is an organization that unites the religious community in an effort to serve and nurture homeless families regardless of income and family structure. Twenty-six congregations, many with assistance from additional congregations, provide meals, shelter and hospitality. Families receive case management, assistance with housing and employment search, accessing support services and advocacy at the IHN day center. Greater Worcester's IHN has helped 295 families, with a total 862 individuals, since its formation in 1997. IHN makes a difference!

**Team Captain:** Bridgid Rubin

**Project Description:** We will paint the hallway and a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor living room in the house.

**Location:** 91 June Street Worcester, MA

**Time:** 9:30am - 1:00pm

**Age Recommendation:** This project is appropriate for teens & adults.

**Abilities/Skills:** No special skills required

**Volunteers Needed:** 8

# Project 14: Shrewsbury Library

In a welcoming environment, with diverse materials, programs and services, the mission of Shrewsbury Public Library is to stimulate the imagination, nurture literacy in young children, empower people to find and use information, encourage lifelong learning, and support our evolving community.

**Team Captain:** Katie Lowry

**Project Description:** *TBD*

**Location:** Shrewsbury, MA

**Time:** 9:30am - 1:00pm

**Age Recommendation:** This project is appropriate for families

**Abilities/Skills:** No special skills required

**Volunteers Needed:** 6

# Project 15: Youville House

Every family has the basic right to safe, adequate healthy housing. Some families are denied that right because of unjust circumstances. Youville House is an advocate with those families so that they can exercise and enjoy their right to decent housing. Some families abuse their right to housing because of a complexity of reasons. Youville House explores those reasons with these families and assists them to use their own resources to regain their right to housing and to accept the responsibilities of such rights. We shall seek to accomplish these tasks within the least amount of time required in order to promote self-sufficiency of the family unit.

**Team Captain:**

**Project Description:** Weather permitting, volunteers will do outdoor site cleanup. If bad weather, volunteers will assist with cleaning inside.

**Location:** 133 Granite Street, Worcester MA

**Time:** 9:30am - 1:00pm

**Age Recommendation:** This project is appropriate for families

**Abilities/Skills:** No special skills required

**Volunteers Needed:** 10

# Project 16: Urban Missionaries

We are a Catholic Social Action ministry in the Diocese of Worcester, Massachusetts. It is our hope that this site will inform you about our works, inspire you to perform a “reckless act of caring,” and become a volunteer in helping. You will not find theological or philosophical discussions here, but you will find stories! Stories about everyday people, some who need a little help, some who need a fair amount of help and some who are in dire straits. It is our hope that these stories will move you to compassion for all peoples. You will also find opportunities to participate in these works. You can participate in many ways: donating your time, goods or wealth; by praying for those we serve and for those who serve; by letting yourself be moved to action. I do not mean to diminish what you are already doing. I want to encourage you to go on, to give more, to pray more, to love more!

**Team Captain:**

**Project Description:** Organizing donations, some cleaning.

**Location:** 133 Granite Street, Worcester MA

**Time:** 9:30am - 1:00pm

**Age Recommendation:** Volunteers must be over 18

**Abilities/Skills:** No special skills required

**Volunteers Needed:** 5



# Project 17: Mustard Seed

The Mustard Seed (founded in 1972) is a community of faith, hope and love that has manifested as a living room, as a refuge for the hungry, lonely, and homeless and as an ideal (that in the ideal) is what a Christian community looks like or should look like in practice. Our community is committed to: prayer, personal and communal conversion of life, clarification of thought (lifelong learning), “the building of a society where it is easier for people to be good” and a work culture that sees labor as sacred and that upholds small-scale agriculture and artisanship as virtues and hopeful means for “building a new society in the shell of the old.” The Mustard Seed has a major role in feeding the hungry. The house of hospitality at 93 Piedmont Street offers a free meal to Worcester’s hungry. The community has fed the hungry for over 40 years and has also worked on behalf of peace and environmental and social justice in many campaigns and initiatives over that time.

**Team Captain:**

**Project Description:** Volunteers will put a 2<sup>nd</sup> coat of paint on the outdoor fence that surrounds the property.

**Location:** 93 Piedmont St, Worcester, MA

**Time:** 9:30am - 1:00pm

**Age Recommendation:** This project is appropriate for teens and adults

**Abilities/Skills:** No special skills required

**Volunteers Needed:** 4

# Project 18: Mercy Centre

This is a school / center for intellectually challenged kids and adults and is part of Catholic Charities. Their goal is to help develop the full potential of each person whom they serve morally, physically, cognitively, emotionally, educationally, socially and vocationally. They empower these special children and adults to reach this goal by providing comprehensive educational and employment training opportunities in a loving and caring environment.

**Team Captain:** Jon Booker

**Project Description:** Outdoor clean-up & gardening.

**Location:** 25 West Chester St , Worcester, MA

**Time:** 9:30AM - 1:00PM

**Age Recommendation:** This project is appropriate for teens and adults.

**Abilities/Skills:** No special skills are required.

**Volunteers Needed:** 15

# Project 19: Dismas House

Dismas House opened our doors on Richards Street in Worcester in April of 1988. Since then, hundreds of former prisoners have called Dismas home, as they reconcile with society, struggling to stay clean and sober, finding decent jobs, and reconnecting with families.

**Team Captain:** Mike Paulina

**Project Description:** There is a Dismas owned sheds that will be painted. We will provide the paint: 3 gallons of beige and 1 gallon of white (for the trim).

**Location:** 30 Richards Street, Worcester, MA & 50 Arthur Road, Worcester, MA

**Time:** 9:30AM - 1:00PM

**Age Recommendation:** This project is appropriate for teens and adults.

**Abilities/Skills:** No special skills are required.

**Volunteers Needed:** 3 people per shed

# Project 20: St. Mary's Refugee Ministry

**Team Captain:** Jerry Cote

**Project Description:** Volunteers will organize the Refugee Welcome Mistry inventory located in the church basement.

**Location:** This project will be onsite at St. Mary's

**Time:** 9:30AM - 1:00PM

**Age Recommendation:** This project is appropriate for teens and adults.

**Abilities/Skills:** No special skills are required.

**Volunteers Needed:** 6

# Project 21: St. Mary Garden Ministry

Come and share in the stewardship of God's Creation! Spend time with friends and family doing minor weeding and spring clean-up of both our flower and vegetable garden beds.

**Team Captain:** Stephanie Muzzy

**Project Description:** Assist with the Garden's at St. Mary's. In addition to general garden clean-up, we planting flowers. Please bring gloves, rakes and shovels.

**Location:** This project will be onsite at St. Mary's

**Time:** 9:30AM - 1:00PM

**Age Recommendation:** This project is appropriate for families, teens and adults.

**Abilities/Skills:** No special skills are required.

**Volunteers Needed:** 20

# Project 22: Day of Service – Administrative & Set-Up

**Team Captain:** Kelly Paulina, John Sliwoski

**Project Description:** Volunteers are needed on the day of service for set-up, check-in & registration, pick-up donuts & coffee, hospitality, clean-up and general assistance.

**Location:** This project will be onsite at St. Mary's

**Time:** 7:45AM – 9:30AM

**Age Recommendation:** This project is appropriate for young adults and adults

**Abilities/Skills:** No special skills needed

**Volunteers Needed:** 6

## Project 23: Birthday-in-a-Box Program

**Team Captain:** Kathy Canfield

**Project Description:** Birthday Wishes makes a difference in the lives of homeless children and their families by bringing them the joy of a birthday party. Birthday parties provide the opportunity for reflection, celebration, and hope. They are a common event in the lives of most families, but for children experiencing homelessness, families may be unable to maintain their routines and rituals. Birthday Wishes ensures that children are not denied this important rite of passage simply because of their living situation. By registering for this project you will participate in the Birthday-in-a-Box Program that provides a party box and gifts to children and their families staying in domestic violence safe shelters, hotels, and scattered sites so they are still able to celebrate their special day. We will be collecting supplies for a birthday party.

**Special Time:** Completed **PRIOR** to Day of Service

**IMPORTANT GUIDELINES:** Please review the guidelines and information here and purchase all the contents that each box must include: <https://birthdaywishes.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/BIAB-Guidelines.pdf>

**Drop Off:** A box is available in the parish hall for you to drop off your donations.

**Age Recommendation:** This project is appropriate for families

**Volunteers Needed:** Unlimited

## Project 24: Baking

**Team Captain:** Kathy Canfield

**Project Description:** Bake a dozen cookies or a loaf of bread and bring them to the parish hall on the Day of Service (May 14, 2016). Many bakers are needed! This is a great opportunity for those that may not be able to serve on the actual day, but would like to contribute to the project. Proceeds from the sale will go to support some of the agencies we are serving on the Day of Service. Baked Goods should be dropped off in the Parish Hall Kitchen on Friday, May 19th (after 4PM) or on Saturday, May 20th from 8:00AM - 2:00PM).

**Drop Off:** A box is available in the parish hall for you to drop off your donations.

**Age Recommendation:** This project is appropriate for families

**Volunteers Needed:** Unlimited

# Project 25: Matthew 25

In the spirit of the Biblical passage from which it draws its name, Matthew 25's mission is to empower low-income families in Worcester and Boston, Massachusetts, by providing housing and food assistance. Matthew 25 accomplishes this goal by, acquiring abandoned properties in Worcester and Boston. Engaging volunteers from the community to renovate the properties. Renting the remodeled homes to low-income families at a percentage of their income.

## **Team Captain:**

**Project Description** Our team of volunteers will work to clear a 9 Mount Pleasant Street, a vacant lot that Matthew 25 is clearing to build a new house. We will be sweeping the lot to clear the debris and garbage that has collected over the years. It is recommended to wear a hat and gloves and bring a water bottle with you!

**Age Recommendation:** This project is appropriate for families, young adults and adults

**Volunteers Needed:** 12