

# CHRISTIAN SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

## **UPDATED** FEBRUARY-MARCH 2017

### **HART (Haiti and Africa Relief Team) SPAGHETTI DINNER: Saturday, February 11, 2017.**

This annual event is held to benefit the HART mission to serve our brothers and sisters in Haiti. The dinner will be held in the St. Paul Cafeteria. Student and parent volunteers are needed to assist with set-up, greeting guests, kids' activities, food and beverage preparation and clean-up. Volunteers are needed for the 7:00-9:00 p.m. shift. **The Service Leader for this event is Mrs. Jan Deters.** Please call Mrs. Deters with questions or to sign-up at (313) 912-6232 or email her at [jandeters@comcast.net](mailto:jandeters@comcast.net).

**SUNRISE ASSISTED LIVING CENTER:** This neighborhood senior assisted living center is looking for volunteers, young and old, to visit residents: play cards or board games, organize an activity or just enjoy conversation. **This facility is looking for small groups to play bingo with residents on Saturday afternoons between 1:00-3:00 p.m.** Families are welcome to come and help out as well. Please contact Mrs. Gretchen Verbecke, the Sunrise Activity and Volunteer Coordinator at (313) 343-0600.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CAN DRIVE:** Once a month the Knights collect pop cans to help support our local seminary, Sacred Heart Major Seminary. On the **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month**, volunteers are needed to bring the cans/bottles to the store for redemption. Please contact Mr. Ralph Fisher at (313) 657-9155.

**OPEN HEARTS~OPEN DOORS HOMELESS WEEK: Saturday, March 4-Saturday, March 11, 2017** at St. Paul offers a full week of opportunities to help serve the homeless with food preparation, hospitality, assistance in the clothing store, set-up and take-down, etc. Families and Mentor groups are welcome to participate throughout the week. However, Mentor groups may only help on Monday and Tuesday, AFTER R.E. CLASSES! All students must be accompanied by a parent or mentor. **(WE CANNOT ACCOMMODATE STUDENTS WHO SHOW UP WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION.)** All adults over the age of 18 must have taken the Protecting God's Children workshop. Please contact Mrs. Tricia Kesteloot for additional program information (313) 885-7022, ext 126.

**\*\*KIDS AGAINST HUNGER:** This is an amazing opportunity for our youth (ages 5 and older) and adults. On **Saturday, March 18, 2017**, the KAH organization will pack food for 75,000 people in need. One third of the food will be used locally, one third will be used internationally and one third will be used for disaster relief victims. Volunteers may select from 3 different time shifts. RESERVATIONS ARE FREE AND WILL OPEN UP ON FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>. Additional program details are on the attached flyer or email [Sacton@gpmchurch.org](mailto:Sacton@gpmchurch.org)

**GLEANERS FOOD BANK, DETROIT LOCATION:** Youth and parent volunteers (5<sup>th</sup> GRADE AND OLDER) may take part in one of our Super Service Saturday opportunities working with the Kids Helping Kids Program at Gleaners Food Bank. We have only 35 SLOTS left to help at Gleaners Food Bank on **Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**. *Please contact Mrs. Tricia Kesteloot at (313) 885-7022, ext. 126 if you would like to sign-up and volunteer.*

**STUDENT BABYSITTING AIDES (Students in grades 7-8):** Classroom aides and babysitting helpers are needed during our Religious Education classes on **Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> (6:15-7:45 p.m.)** or **Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> (4:00-5:30 p.m.)** This service opportunity MAY NOT be a substitute for regularly scheduled Religious Education classes. *Please contact Mrs. Katie Cook in the Religious Education Office at (313) 885-7022, ext 125.*

**ST. MARY'S NURSING HOME:** This community truly enjoys when the students come for a visit. Organized groups are needed to visit residents: play cards or board games, organize an activity or just enjoy conversation. Several groups in the past hosted a tea social for the residents. They served tea and cookies, and visited with the elderly. *This facility is located on 9 Mile Road in St. Clair Shores. Please contact Tina Hein, the Activities Coordinator to sign-up and volunteer (586) 772-4300.*

**PARISH REPORTER MAILINGS/STUFFING PROJECT:** Each month, several youth volunteers are needed to assist with stuffing the SERF Vicariate Newsletter into the Parish Reporters before weekend masses. This project will take place on Friday afternoons immediately following school dismissal. A different date will be set each month, and volunteers will report to Mrs. Sheri Campbell in the Parish Office. *Please contact Mrs. Campbell at (313) 885-8855, ext. 141. if you would like to sign-up for a future service date.*



Dear Friends of Kids Against Hunger,

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church (GPMC) is continuing to celebrate its over 150 years *IN* the community *WITH* the community. Our vision is to continue to provide an amazing opportunity for our entire community and all generations to partner with the KIDS AGAINST HUNGER COALITION to pack food for the hungry. One third of the food will be used locally, one third will be used internationally and one third will be used for disaster relief.

**Saturday: March 18, 2017**

We will pack food for 75,000 people right here at GPMC. **We need your help!** We are asking groups and individuals to give the gift of time. Our days will be blocked in two hour shifts: 10 am - 12 pm, 12 pm - 2pm and 2 pm - 4 pm and we hope 150 people will come for each shift.

***So if you.....belong to a church, a school, a Bible class, a scout troop, a knitting group, a runner's group, a service group, a men's group, a women's group, a book club, a brownie group, an artist's club, a swimming group, a Sunday School class, a political party, a dance group, a church council or committee, a family, or just want to come on your own...you get the idea...we want you!***

To sign up email us: [KidsAgainstHungerAtGPMC@gmail.com](mailto:KidsAgainstHungerAtGPMC@gmail.com).

Tell us your name or give us a contact person and name of the group. Tell us how many will come. Please sign up early. No fee is required thanks to some generous church members at GPMC. Reservations open February 15. You can come for multiple shifts if you like.

Kids need to be 5 years old or older to pack, but if you let us know you are bringing younger siblings, we will have child care (reservations are required). 5-7 year old packers need to come with one to one adult supervision. If you are an adult that would rather help with child care than pack food, let us know: we need you too.

Please come celebrate with us!

Questions? Email [sacton@gpmchurch.org](mailto:sacton@gpmchurch.org) or contact any member of the planning team: Sue Buckler, Bridget Sanford, Amy Sanford, Rev. Sarah Godbehere, Sue Acton, or Lisa Turner.

