

Dear Parents,

Here are a few optional Community Service Opportunities, we hope you can participate.

Food Drive for Greater Bridgeport Area

St. Mark Church Food drive on Saturday, May 2nd from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Food donations may be dropped off at the **PARISH CENTER ENTRANCE** where there will be some members of Knights of Columbus to receive food items from you and deliver them at Sterling House and Blessed Sacrament parish. To make it convenient for you, please put food donations in bags and place them in your car trunk, drive up to the drop off place, open your trunk and our volunteers will collect them and take them to respective places. Your food donation is going to the same food pantries so you can donate your food in either places.

Following is a list of food items needed most in our pantries:

Peanut butter and jellies
Canned tuna of all kinds
Both hot and cold cereals
Rice, pasta and noodles (various kinds)
Spaghetti sauce, both plain and with meat
Soups, but especially hearty soups
Canned beans of various kinds
Powdered milk in individual packets
Breakfast treats
Coffee and tea
Apple sauce
Hamburger helper
Canned chili
Sandwich products
Canned fruit

HOPE Cards

Yale New Haven launched a new program to invite the public to send cards, notes, or homemade pictures to the patients in their hospital. The hospital is seeing the impact of visitation limitations on many of their long-term hospitalized patients. Most of the patients are not able to see their family or have any visitors. Your well wishes will bring some much appreciated cheer! Please send to:

Jill Williams, RN, PSM
Smilow Cancer Hospital
North Pavilion 11
20 York Street
New Haven, CT 06510
ATTENTION: HOPE CARDS

Snack Drive for First Responders

St. Mark School Snack Drive on Saturday, May 9 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Snack donations may be dropped off in the school parking lot during our Mother's Day Plant Sale Pick-Up. Snacks will be delivered to area First Responders. To make it convenient, there will be collection boxes in front of the playground, please put snack donations in bags and drop off in the designated boxes.

Suggested Snack Items:

Protein Bars
Granola Bars
Individual Boxes of raisins
Individual Packages of nuts/trail mix
Cookies
Chips
Peanut Butter Crackers
Cereal Bars

For those that can share with those in need, we ask that you share what you can. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Have a great day,

Jen Tayman