

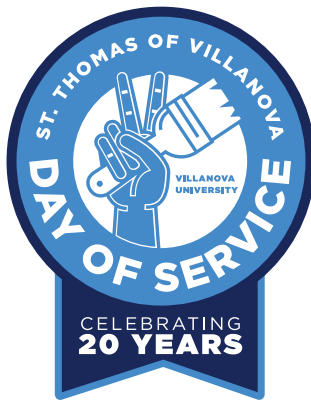


## ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA DAY OF SERVICE

# CALLING ALL FACULTY AND STAFF!

The 20th Annual St. Thomas of Villanova Day of Service is on Saturday, September 20! Faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in this special Villanova tradition!

For those not able to join on September 20 for the annual Day of Service, we encourage you to participate at a time and place that works for you. Here are 20 opportunities for you to serve alongside family, colleagues and friends on your own time. Join in the effort to ignite change in our community!



## VOLUNTEER AT ONE OF OUR PARTNER SITES

*Faculty and staff are encouraged to directly coordinate with our partner sites to arrange a service opportunity.*

### 1. Bethesda Project, *Philadelphia, PA*

Bethesda Project is a Philadelphia-based organization that provides emergency shelter and housing for people experiencing homelessness in the region. Volunteers can help serve meals, prepare living spaces, or provide specialized care to their tenants.



### 2. Martha's Community Farm *Audubon, PA*

This group works to build community and educate about sustainability through farming. They were born out of the need for fresh produce in local food pantries. Volunteers can help tend their farm while also learning about sustainable land practices.





### **3. Inglis House**

*Philadelphia, PA*

Inglis House is a long-term care facility for non-geriatric adults with physical disabilities. Volunteers can choose to assist staff with logistics or to engage in social visits with residents.



### **4. The Arc of Chester County**

*West Chester, PA*

The Arc of Chester County advocates for and provides services to individuals with disabilities and their families to empower and safeguard their rights. Volunteers can provide administrative support or help with fundraising events.



### **5. Rose Bridge Farm and Sanctuary**

*Maple Glen, PA*

Rose Bridge Farm and Sanctuary rehabilitates and provides homes for rescued farm animals. Volunteers can help clean enclosures, feed animals, and run workshops.



### **6. Ronald McDonald House Charities**

*Philadelphia, PA*

This group supports children and their families as they receive care at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). Volunteers can help with food service, van transportation, front desk operations, event coordination, and operations support.



# CREATE SOMETHING FOR GOOD

*Faculty and staff are encouraged to create items in support of various partner organizations.*

## 7. St. John's Hospice

### *Casserole Donation—Philadelphia, PA*

This group shelters, feeds, and provides counsel to individuals experiencing homelessness in the Philadelphia area. In particular, they collect donated casseroles for their cause. Volunteers can prepare any of the listed recipes and drop the casseroles off at one of their pick-up locations.



## 8. Love For Our Elders

### *Handwritten Letters*

Love For Our Elders tackles issues of isolation in older adults by encouraging people to write heartfelt letters. Each month, a new group of older adults with a brief description is posted to encourage connection and community. Volunteers will write and send their own letters to participate in this amazing opportunity.



## 9. Caring for Friends

### *Snack Kits—Philadelphia, PA*

Caring for Friends is a Philadelphia-based organization that combines food and community in their holistic care for people experiencing homelessness. Volunteers can help assemble snack bags or write notes for families in need.



## 10. St. Jude

### *Online Letter Writing*

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is known internationally for their attentive pediatric treatment that they perform without cost to the families in their care. Volunteers can help brighten the day of their patients by taking time to design and send cards.



## 11. Operation Christmas Child

### *Christmas Gift Donations*

Samaritan's Purse is an organization that provides physical and spiritual relief for children experiencing crises around the world. Operation Christmas Child organizes the creation of shoeboxes filled with Christmas gifts for these children. Volunteers can follow their instructions to pack and ship shoeboxes for children in need.



## 12. Project Linus

### *Blanket Making*

Celebrating their 30th anniversary this year, Project Linus continues to make a difference across the country by providing blankets to children in need. Volunteers can knit, sew, crochet, or tie blankets to donate to any of their nearby collection centers.



# DONATE ITEMS TO HELP OTHERS

*Faculty and staff are encouraged to provide items needed to support the missions of our partner organizations:*

## 13. Donation Nation!

*Villanova, PA*

Join the greater Villanova community as we come together to collect goods for our partner organizations! Needed items include canned food and dry goods, school supplies and educational materials, arts and crafts supplies, toiletries, baby supplies (diapers, wipes, formula, bottles, newborn clothing), paper goods (paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, tissues), laundry and dish soap. Collection will take place October 20 and 21 from 9:30am-4:30pm in the Radnor/St. David's Room, Connelly Center.



## 14. Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

*Amazon Registry—Philadelphia, PA*

Over 30,000 children will be admitted into CHOP this year alone. Their administrators work to provide age-appropriate toys to their patients, which helps support them during difficult treatments. CHOP accepts toy donations through their Amazon registry to brighten the day of a child in need.



## 15. The Joy of Sox

*Phoenixville, PA*

This Philadelphia-based group works to provide new socks to people experiencing homelessness in the area and crisis relief teams around the world. Volunteers can help sort at their facilities or provide donations for their drives.



## **16. Cradles to Crayons**

*Philadelphia, PA*

Cradles to Crayons targets the issue of clothing insecurity in the Philadelphia area by giving used clothing a fresh start. Clothes donated at one of their many drop-off locations will be given to a child in need.



## **17. Philadelphia Furniture Bank**

*Philadelphia, PA*

Philadelphia Furniture Bank works to ensure that people making the transition out of homelessness are able to furnish their new residence. Quality donated furniture will go to families in need in the Philadelphia area.



## **18. Nationalities Service Center,**

*Philadelphia, PA*

Nationalities Service Center supports immigrants and refugees in the Philadelphia area as they make the transition to life in a new country. Their Amazon registry lists needed hygiene items to help serve people who utilize their food pantry.



## **19. Philadelphia Animal Welfare Society (PAWS),**

*Philadelphia, PA*

The Philadelphia Animal Welfare Society works to rescue homeless and at-risk pets and rehouse them into loving adoptive and foster homes. Their wish list outlines essential items to care for the animals in their ward.





## CHOOSE YOUR OWN SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

*Faculty and staff are encouraged to serve in any way, shape or form!*

### 20. Other Service Opportunities

There are many deserving organizations and volunteer opportunities that are not listed here. If you have a cause that you care about or a local charity that you want to support, feel free to choose your own service opportunity!



## TELL US ABOUT YOUR SERVICE

Be sure to let us know the ways in which you served so we can measure the impact of Villanovans in our community!

