

Community Service Activities: 2007 - 2008

September:

Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive --

Wednesday, September 12th through Thursday, September 26th

In conjunction with the Nutritional Development Service of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, CSC is collecting jars of peanut butter and jelly, "the ultimate emergency food," for families in need of emergency food assistance.

Light the Night Walk for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society --

Saturday, September 29th at The Great Plaza at Penn's Landing

Check-in at 5:00 p.m.; Walk begins at 7:00 p.m.

The Light the Night Walk is The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's nationwide evening walk to celebrate and commemorate lives touched by cancer. Walkers carry illuminated balloons while walking. All funds raised will support the mission to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma – and to improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

www.leukemia-lymphoma.org/epa 610.521.8274

Buddy Walk --

Saturday, September 22nd at DeSales University

Check-in at 2:00 p.m.; Walk begins at 3:00 p.m.

Down Syndrome affects people of all ages, races and economic levels. It is the most frequently occurring chromosomal abnormality. The Buddy Walk benefits the National Down Syndrome Society and Chester County Down Syndrome Interest Group.

www.epdsc.org

Dressage at Devon Horse Show --

Tuesday, September 25th through Sunday, September 30th

Students can volunteer at Dressage for the benefit of Thorncroft Therapeutic Horseback Riding, Inc., a group which specializes in the use of therapeutic horseback riding for people with disabilities. Students volunteer at "The Kid's Corral," making crafts and playing games.

www.dressageatdevon.org

October:

Fall Day of Service --

Tuesday, October 9th

US activities at various locations, MS activities at Sacred Heart

Upper School students will travel to various sites, such as retirement communities, schools, shelters and environmental sites, to spend their day in service to others. Students will receive information on the sites and activities in late September. Middle School students will host a city preschool for lunch and various activities.

Mother's Home Baby Bottle Drive—

Wednesday, October 10th through Thursday, October 18th

Walk for Hope --

Saturday, October 14th – begins at Campbell's Field, ends at Penn's Landing

Check-in at 8:30 a.m.; Walk begins at 10:00 a.m.

Walk for Hope will raise funds to support City of Hope National Medical Center and Beckman Research Institute in their on-going breast cancer research. Women with breast cancer are the largest group treated at the center.

www.walk4hope.org 1.800.344.8169

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer --

Sunday, October 14th at the Art Museum Circle, Ben Franklin Parkway

Check-in at 8:00 a.m.; Walk begins at 9:00 a.m.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

www.cancer.org 215.985.5400

Step up for Diabetes --

Sunday, October 20th – Starts at Independence Park. Walk up, down and around Philadelphia

Check-in at 9:30 a.m.; Walk begins at 10:30 a.m.

One in every eighteen Americans suffers from diabetes. Students can help by soliciting pledges then walking to raise funds for the American Diabetes Association to pay for programs to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by the disease.

www.diabetes.org/stepup 1.800.254.9255

AIDS Walk --

Sunday, October 14th at The Art Museum Circle

Activities start at 8:00 a.m.

AIDS Fund raises more money for AIDS services than any other organization in the Philadelphia region. It provides funds to area organizations that provide AIDS and HIV-related direct service, education, and prevention programs. One teenager in the U.S. is infected with HIV every half hour. Help join the crusade to find a cure by collecting pledges and walking for a solution.

www.aidswalkphilly.org 215.731.9255

CROPWALK --

Sunday, October 21st at Suburban Square, Ardmore, Pa

Walk at 1:00 p.m.

CROP is the community hunger appeal of Church World Service, the relief development agency of over thirty Protestant and Orthodox denominations. Monies donated at the CROPWALK may also be designated for Catholic, Jewish, Quaker, or other relief organizations.

www.churchworldservice.org 1.888.297.2767

Philadelphia Youth Serve-a-thon – Service Day

Sunday, October 28th

City Year Greater Philadelphia, part of the AmeriCorps National Service Network, will be holding its Second Annual Youth Serve-a-thon. The Youth Serve-a-thon is a high-impact day of service in which teams of students from all around the Delaware Valley will lead critically needed service projects in the five-county region. As a pledge event, it will generate funds that support the year-round work of City Year Greater Philadelphia, which educates and leads the children of Philadelphia through service.

www.cityyear.org/philadelphia

Lupus Loop Run --

Sunday, October 28th at the Carousel House, Fairmount Park

Check-in at 8:45 a.m.; Run begins at 10:00 a.m.

Lupus is a chronic inflammatory disease that can affect various parts of the body and causes the immune system to attack the body's own cells. Walk or run to help find a cure.

215.877.9061 610.649.9202

November:

Special Olympics --

Friday, November 2nd to Sunday, November 4th at Villanova University

Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.

Volunteers are needed to help out at the Special Olympics for Disabled Athletes. Students can work as athlete escorts, sandwich makers, registration, ceremonies and awards.

www.specialolympics.villanova.edu 610.519.7244 1.800.235.9058

National Catholic Youth Conference--

Thursday, November 8th to Sunday, November 11th, Atlanta, Georgia

Registration by September 15th through Archdiocesan CSC

Ultimate celebration of Catholic youth. Celebrate your faith!

www.oyya.org

Thanksgiving Food Baskets --

Sign-Up: Monday, November 5th

\$1.00 for Turkeys Due: Thursday, November 15th

Items Due: Monday, November 19th

Every student is asked to donate \$1.00 to cover the cost of turkeys and ACME dollars for perishable items. Students sign up to bring in various items for class food baskets that will be given to families of the Duckrey School in North Philadelphia.

December:

Easter Seals Mitten Tree --

Monday, December 3rd through Tuesday, December 18th

Students will gather new mittens, gloves, hats and scarves to decorate trees located throughout the school. These winter items will be donated to the Easter Seals Society Pre-School in Philadelphia for Christmas gifts for the students.

Used Coat Drive --

Monday, December 3rd through Tuesday, December 18th

Used but wearable coats will be collected for students and families of Easter Seals Society Pre-School in Philadelphia and Delaware County.

Blanket & Towel Drive --

Monday, December 3rd through Tuesday, December 18th

Gently used blankets and towels will be collected for Trevor's Place in Philadelphia.

Operation Santa's Elves --

Monday, December 3rd through Tuesday, December 18th

Upper School students may purchase \$10.00 - \$15.00 gifts for children ages 1 month to 18 years. These gifts are given to the Southwest Philadelphia Community Center. Gifts should be unwrapped.

Operation Santa --

Sign-Up: Monday, December 3rd; Toys Due: Tuesday, December 18th

Middle School students will choose a letter to Santa from a child at the Duckrey School in North Philadelphia, and purchase a requested toy. The toy should cost \$10.00 - \$15.00. Gifts should be wrapped and tagged with the child's name, from "Santa."

Holy Childhood Association Collection --

Monday, December 3rd through Tuesday, December 18th

Collect money for medical supplies for children in third world countries during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Archdiocesan Wrapping Center

Thursday, December 13th through Monday, December 17th

www.oyya.org

Skate with Santa

Tuesday, December 4th

www.oyya.org

January:

Aid for Friends Breakfast Bags

Friday, January 18th through Friday, January 25th – Bring in items.

Saturday, January 26th – Join other students to assemble bags.

The Kindness and Justice Challenge – Martin Luther King Day

Monday, January 21st

Meet the call to serve envisioned by Martin Luther King, Jr. Join with your church, youth group or community agencies on a project on this Day of Service.

www.cityyear.org

“Souper Bowl” of Caring --

Tuesday, January 29th through Tuesday, February 5th

Sacred Heart's "Souper Bowl" has Red vs. White Team to determine which team can collect the most soup to help feed those in need. All soup will be donated to the Nutritional Development Services of the Archdiocese.

www.souperbowl.org

35th Annual March for Life --

Tuesday, January 22nd in Washington D.C.

March to the truth that no one may intentionally kill an innocent born or unborn person. Walk against abortion in the nation's capitol.

Baby Items Drive --

Pro-Life Club will announce dates.

Join with the Pro-Life Club for this annual baby formula and baby items drive. This collection provides a supply of emergency formula for newborns-in-need. Many infants fail to receive proper nutrition during the critical early months of their development due to high costs or limits in federally-funded programs.

Easter Seals Basketball Shoot-Out --

TBA

Students collect pledges or donations for each basket they make. Proceeds are given to the Easter Seals Society for the Handicapped to help fund various programs sponsored by the Society.

February:

Canned Meals Drives --

Friday, February 29th through Friday, March 7th

Students are asked to donate meals-in-a-can to benefit the needy through the Nutritional Development Services of the Archdiocese. Households with limiting cooking facilities need stews, soups, chili, canned pastas and tuna.

March:

Holy Childhood Association Collection --

Wednesday, February 6th through Wednesday, March 19th

Students will collect money for medicines and supplies for children in third world countries during the liturgical seasons of Lent and Easter.

CSC Liturgy --

Friday, March 7th 9:25 a.m.

Students and faculty join to celebrate the importance of service to the community. All are invited to attend this Liturgical Celebration, planned by the US/MS Community Service Officers and Representatives.

Sacred Heart's Service Trip to Appalachia --

Monday, March 24th through Saturday, March 29th

Students work in the Appalachian region, one of the poorest areas of our country. Students work in the community and assist residents by repairing houses, building porches painting, and cleaning.

April:

Hand-In-Hand

Saturday, April 5th – at St. Joseph’s University, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Hand-In-Hand is a day of fun and games where students are paired-up with adolescents and adults with disabilities from the Delaware Valley. Students and their buddies will play games, eat and have a great time!

Walk Against Hunger --

Saturday, April 12th at the Art Museum Circle

Everyone can take steps in the fight to end hunger. Collect pledges and walk for the purchase of food for Nutritional Development Services of the Philadelphia Archdiocese. This event raises money for local soup kitchens, food cupboards and other emergency meal programs.

www.hungerwalk.org

The MS Walk --

Sunday, April 20th at Ridley Creek State Park or Valley Forge National Park

Sunday, April 27th at West Goshen Township Park, West Chester

Multiple Sclerosis is a gripping disease that attacks the nerves and weakens its victims tremendously. By soliciting pledges and walking, you can help fund research for this deadly disease.

www.walk4ms.org

May:

Manna Food Bag Drive –

Thursday, May 1st through Wednesday, May 14th

Students are asked fill grocery bags with non-perishable food items to benefit the needy through the Nutritional Development Services of the Archdiocese.

The MS Walk --

Sunday, May 4th at Elmwood Park Zoo

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www.walk4ms.org

Race for the Cure --

Sunday, May 11th at The Art Museum Circle

Race for the cure of breast cancer. The money raised through pledges will help the Komen Breast Cancer Foundation eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease by advancing research, education, screening, and treatment.

www.komen.org/race/

www.phillyraceforthecure.org

Summer Opportunities

Sacred Heart Network: www.sophie.org

Sprout Creek Farm

Lending a Hand

Seattle International

Heart to Heart Service

Building with Hands and Hearts

Many other programs available

Archdiocese of Philadelphia: www.oyya.org

The Appalachian Experience

Los Ninos

The Native American Experience

Journey

Camp Overbrook