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Catholic Charities
of Santa Clara County

& Knights of Columbus

Partnership Ideas

Please see the web site www.CatholicCharitiesSCC.org for a Volunteer Application.

Catholic Charities Donation Station

Catholic Charities Donation Station welcomes new and gently used clothing and household items to distribute free of charge to anyone referred by a partner of Step Up Silicon Valley: Campaign to Cut Poverty. Drop off times are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 am to 2 pm at 2625 Zanker Road, San Jose (Zanker and Trimble, at the rear of the building). Donors receive a letter of receipt in the mail. Please see the web site www.CatholicCharitiesSCC.org for details or contact us at DonationStation@CatholicCharitiesSCC.org or 408 325-5278.

Tuesday and Thursday, Volunteer at the Donation Station

- Help receive donations and assist donors in filling out in-kind donation forms, and
- Assist donation station shoppers.

Volunteer individually or with a small group for a two hour shift, 10-12 or 12-2, either Tuesdays or Thursdays.

Inventory Display Volunteer Opportunity at Catholic Charities Donation Station

Groups of 3 to 5 volunteers are welcome to come for two hour shifts, M-F, between 9 and 4 to sort and display the donated clothing and household items. Gather your friends, pick your day of the week and time, and let us know.

Organize a Saturday of volunteering for all of the above jobs.

Citizenship Tutors

Catholic Charities provides Citizenship Classes at the John XXIII Multi-Service Center in downtown San Jose. Most of the students are elderly Chinese and Vietnamese permanent residents. The partnership opportunity is to meet regularly with the students to help them

- practice their English
- understand the advantages and responsibilities of Citizenship in the United States

- prepare for the citizenship test.

For information about the Citizenship Program Opportunity, please contact Hoa Hung, John XXIII Center Coordinator, 408 282-8606, or hhong@CatholicCharitiesSCC.org

Sponsor a Refugee Family

We are the Refugee Resettlement agency for our Diocese. We work closely with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Migration and Refugee Services. Refugees are the victims of war, persecution, political upheaval and religious and ethnic discrimination. They come from Africa, Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Refugee status is a legal immigration status. Sponsorship means becoming a supportive friend in this new country and can include any combination of these activities:

- Organize a drive
 - to prepare welcome backpacks from our list of suggested items
 - to prepare an apartment with furniture, shelf paper, dishes
 - to stock a food pantry
 - to help support rent and utilities for six months
- Volunteer to
 - Welcome refugees at the airport
 - Drive refugees to appointments during their first month
 - Assist in the ESL class and meet outside of class to practice English
 - Arrange for "field trips" to the store, library and other local places

For information contact Reza Odabae, 408 325-5170, reza@CatholicCharitiesSCC.org

Host Handicapables one Saturday a Year

Handicapables is a support and enrichment program for adults with disabilities.

Parish groups sponsor one Saturday event (10am-2pm) a year:

- Reserve your church and hall,
- Arrange for your parish priest, musicians and other liturgical ministers to celebrate Mass at 11:00 am
- Welcome Handicapables members as they arrive by Outreach vans between 10 and 11 am
- Prepare and serve lunch for 30-40 Handicapables members and your group,
- Arrange for entertainment or lead / assist with activities such as bingo or table games.

Appropriate for individuals such as Confirmation candidates and their sponsors as well as groups such as a Youth Group, Service Club or social/fellowship group. Consider a joint sponsorship by two parish groups such as a youth class and a senior's group. For information contact: Saida Nagpurwala, Program Coordinator, 408-325-5257, snagpurwala@CatholicCharitiesSCC.org

Host an Annual Holiday Party or Summer Picnic

Many programs serve families with children. Every one of them would be very appreciative of a sponsor for an annual celebration.

For additional information about Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County

To learn more about the partnership programs outlined here or to explore other possibilities, please contact:

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