

## Mitzvah Day

'Save the date' for May 2 - Mitzvah Day.

We must begin to lift ourselves out of the dark winter of this past year and begin to look for ways to return to 'doing good for others. Recognizing the challenges of our time, we are planning for a hybrid Mitzvah Day. We can provide some limited outdoor, masked activities within the community as well as provide virtual opportunities to cook, to make crafts and cards for many of the agencies that need our support.

As we plan for this day we will be providing many of the supplies needed to complete an activity or project. One item that we are asking for donations of is new washcloths. **Use the following link to sign up to provide washcloths.**

This year we will plan to work with the following organizations.

- Milagro House - Virtual activity where you will assemble a Mother's Day care package (Mother's Day card and button bookmark) for each mother. (supplies provided)
- Clare House - Virtual activity where you will assemble a Mother's Day care package (Mother's Day card and button bookmark) for each mother. (supplies provided)
- Ronald McDonald House - Virtual activity to make well wishes cards...a collage of happy thoughts to brighten folks. Potential for future involvement includes a "Wish List". (supplies provided)
- BenchMark - Virtual activity to prepare meals for up to 15 - 20 students that participate in the program. ( some cooking supplies provided)
- Hospice - Virtual activity to prepare meals for up to 40 staff members of Hospice. ( some cooking supplies provided)
- Domestic Violence Shelter - Virtual activity to create movie 'goodie' bags, as well as cards of good wishes. (supplies provided)
- CWS - Virtual activity assembling a toiletry kit for Lancaster's refugee population. (supplies provided)
- MCC Virtual activity assembling a hygiene kit for world-wide distribution(supplies provided)
- Lancaster General Hospital/Penn Medicine - A virtual activity to create a photo album for patients with dementia. (supplies provided)
- Temple Cemetery - Outside work; includes some mulching and painting.
- CAP - Potential for outside work that would include weeding clean up of CAP nature site.
- Wrap up Lancaster - Virtual activity that would include knitting scarves willing to distributed around Lancaster. <https://wrapupproject.org/drop-off-locations/> (must provide your own knitting supplies)
- St. Anne's School - Virtual activity packaging lunches for 120 students. (supplies provided)
- Mitzvah Moms (Gina Krouse / Gena Harting) - 4 different volunteer opportunities
  1. Supply drive (all ages) where volunteers donate items via the SignUp Genius form with items dropped off at Shaarai;
  2. Adopt-a-family (all ages) where participants make a personalized own care package to be given to an individual in the community;

\*All completed craft projects/donations should be dropped off at Shaarai one week post-Mitzvah Day. On the day of, there will be a short zoom session with Gena / Gina for the volunteers to learn more about the Mitzvah Moms.