

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: St. John's Presbyterian Church

St. John's has made a noteworthy commitment to designate 25% of its overall budget to benevolence causes. St. John's members, in teams of varying size, have initiated mission projects and/or joined with existing organizations for personal involvement. Here is a list of the present roster of such involvement. If you have interest in any of these projects, please email the contact listed.

1. **SANDY RELIEF:** Having completed 29 three-day trips, 18 St. John's members and other volunteers plan to renew the work in the fall.
Contact Joe Birmingham.
2. **PHILABUNDANCE:** A Philadelphia-based organization that distributes available food from restaurants and grocery providers to feeding centers and food pantries.
Contact Brian Bouvier.
3. **BUILDERS COMPETITION:** With more than a decade of annual events, construction teams gather to compete in framing 1200 square foot homes, which are then packaged and sent to a site in the local region for assembly and completion. This year 50 workers gathered on May 6.
Contact John McClintick.
4. **BROAD STREET MINISTRY:** The services and activities Broad Street provides are designed to build trust, foster community and help alleviate the suffering of our neighbors facing homelessness, hunger and poverty. An innovative "new church" approach to gathering everyone from street people to artists to musicians, and sponsoring a broad spectrum of ministries and services to their community.
Contact Linda Groves.
5. **CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY:** A private Christian school in a most challenged neighborhood in Philadelphia, with volunteer opportunities to mentor, tutor and offer other support to students.
Contact Libby Dalrymple or Earline Eck.
6. **GREAT VALLEY FOOD CUPBOARD:** We collect shelf milk, paper goods, cleaning supplies, cooking oil, olive oil, sugar, crackers, cookies, snack items for kids' lunches, juice or juice boxes, applesauce & fruit (small containers), sugar, complete meals in a box, pet food, and personal hygiene products, and deliver them to the cupboard which distributes to people in need. Contact Cindy Wilson.
7. **ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING NETWORK:** Working in partnership with the Chester County Coalition, a group from St. John's works on raising consciousness, advocating for appropriate legislation, and supporting locations that serve trafficked girls.
Contact Betsy Friend.
8. **THE COMMON PLACE:** In partnership with Wayne Presbyterian Church, a former church in Southwest Philadelphia is being renovated to provide a broad spectrum of programs to support the neighborhood, especially the children. Volunteers help with painting, woodworking repairs and other renovations.
Contact: Rich Scott or John Alexander.

9. ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY GARDEN: Now in its third growing season, located behind the Carriage House, a number of gardeners produce a harvest of fresh produce which is given to the Great Valley Food Cupboard. We're always looking for anyone interested in helping to water, harvest, or transport our crops.
Contact Ryan Hollinger.
10. DREAM ACADEMY: 20-25 Conestoga kids tutoring and fundraising for technical equipment at Cornerstone Academy.
Contact Dylan Choi.
11. STOP HUNGER NOW: Our annual meal preparation extravaganza, with people of all ages scurrying around Fellowship Hall, ultimately preparing 10,000 meals!
Contacts Nancy Higgins and Tim Higgins.
12. CHESTER COUNTY FOOD BANK GLEANING: Volunteers work together in two-hour shifts at local farms to support the Food Bank in their Farm Program, in which they grow and harvest 180,000 pounds of mixed vegetables per year. No green thumbs required! Contact Debbie Ealer.
13. SUPPLIES FOR SUCCESS: A school-supplies drive that provides inner-city Philadelphia school children with the supplies necessary for educational success. Contact Jill Hughes.