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2021 Holiday Events

by Shriya Rajagopalan

As a way to get in the holiday spirit, Charity Crossing organizes multiple Holiday drives at each of our locations during the holiday season. At MOT, Smyrna, Rose Hill and the Hicks Community Center, we have provided a variety of items like decorations, socks, gloves and gift items. Though it was chilly, our generous volunteers were eager to help out and ensure that the people in our community have the necessities for warmth, protection and joy. In addition to these drives, Charity Crossing has participated in the drive held by New Castle County Police Force at Route 9 library. A few police officers helped our volunteers with handing out necessary items for the cold weather as well as household items for underprivileged people. All of this hard work from our volunteers pays off after we see the smiles on peoples faces, and get thanked profusely for our service. That's what keeps us going!



Adopt-a-Family 2021

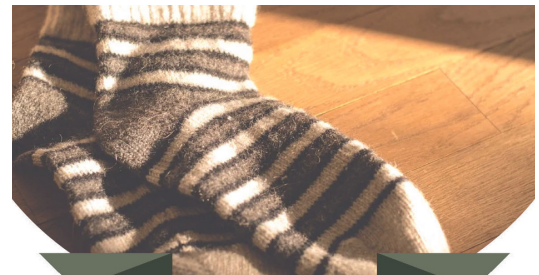
by Nithi Chrisostam

The holiday season is a time of joy, generosity, and compassion. During the 2021 holiday season, Charity Crossing was able to exemplify these values by conducting the fourth annual Adopt-a-Family program. The main mission of this program is to help families who deserve a fortunate and joyous holiday season and are not able to experience this due to various issues. To help these families and give them the holidays they deserve, every year, Charity Crossing adopts a family every holiday season and raises \$50 worth of toys, gifts, and other holiday essentials for each family. In 2021, Charity Crossing was able to touch the lives of 16 different families. It was heartwarming to see how this simple act of kindness was able to uplift so many families, especially since many of these families were deeply affected by financial instability. Charity Crossing makes an effort to help many families every year around this time, and we hope to be able to touch the lives of many more families in holiday seasons to come! To see this initiative on our website, as well as Adopt-a-Family programs from previous years, visit: <https://charitycrossing.org/adopt-a-family-brought-holiday-cheers/>

Socks Drive

by Kirti Daga

During the 2021 holiday season, Charity Crossing partnered with numerous New Castle County libraries to host their annual socks drive. The drive ran from December 1st to January 15th supervised and regulated by one of our youth leaders, Kirti Daga, and with numerous Charity Crossing volunteers helping to donate socks, coats, and other winter items to the less fortunate people throughout the winter season. As leaders, volunteers checked their location weekly to see if there were any donations of socks, gloves, etc., sorted through the new vs. discarded items, and distributed them to winter serves throughout Delaware and Pennsylvania including Front St., Hicks, MOT, RHCC, and other upcoming events for CC. The volunteers collected and donated over hundreds of socks and winter items for the 2021 winter season.



LET'S HELP THE

HOMELESS STAY WARM

Did you know that socks are the most wanted but least donated item of clothing for the homeless? During the past 4 years, Charity Crossing has distributed nearly 17,500 pairs of socks to the least fortunate citizens of Delaware.

This winter, New Castle County and Charity Crossing are partnering to conduct a Socks for the Homeless drive. The drive continues from December 1, 2021 through January 15, 2022.

You can donate **NEW** socks, gloves, hats, and scarves in the collection bins located in New Castle County Libraries and Recreation Centers. These donated items will be distributed to homeless and least fortunate citizens at various locations in Delaware.

A New Castle County and Charity Crossing Initiative



Contact Charity Crossing at 225-522-1245 or info@charitycrossing.org

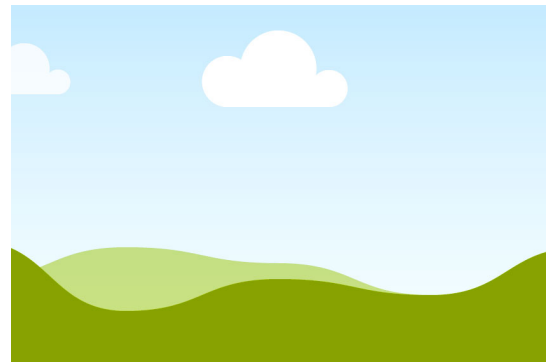


Congratulations to all leaders for the 2021 socks drive: Adlin Thanaraj, Neola Nirmal, Nichelle Nirmal, Sahil Langote, Tanmay Garudadri, Rohit Karthik, Tanuj Prasad, Vaishnavi Sakthi, Varshini Sakthi, Glenn Xavier, Gloria Xavier, Aashrita Chowdavarapu, Manish Dinakaran, Anicha Dinakaran, Sandya Dinakaran, Ananya Prabhakar, Raksha Prabhakar, Karthika Prabhakar, Aliya Ameen, Adil Ameen, Iqra Ameen, Goldy Parmar, Abhinav Parmar, Abhijeet Parmar, Sai Suram, and Kirti Daga.

Volunteer/Partner Appreciation Event

by Abhinav Parmar

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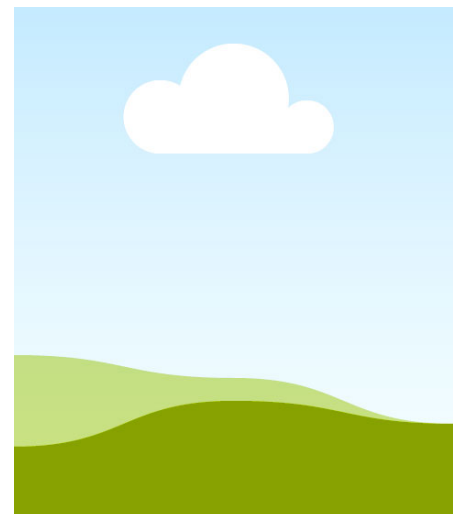


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Kicking off 2022!

by Sahil Langote

It is a new year with even more ways to give back to the Delaware community. We kicked off 2022 with our first service on January 9th, our guests were so happy to see the CC volunteers after the holiday break, we could see the smile on their faces. Despite inclement weather we did great, all the volunteers were got wet and were cold but they served enthusiastically. In 2021, we had a record high of volunteers who were eligible for PVSA volunteer awards. These are great opportunities for high school students to gain hours by giving back to the communities, but we invite people of all ages to volunteer.



Additional News

Recording Service Hours

To increase the efficiency and ease of recording service hours, CC has shifted to an online service log system! To record your hours, visit: <https://www.charitycrossing.org/vtf>

Canned Food Drive

by Tanmay Garudadri

The Charity Crossing Food Drive is a program, facilitated by Charity Crossing to help people with food shortages by collecting and distributing canned food. In the US alone, there are millions of people in need of food, and the CC Food Drive hopes to make a difference in our communities, by collecting food from those who can afford excess, and sourcing it to many in need. The drive is always open to new volunteers, who want to make a difference in their communities and earn service hours as well. All you need to do is collect donations from your neighborhood and other public places, and drop them off at drop-off locations around Delaware. Volunteers are also needed for the distribution of these collected donations at Charity Crossing community serves, hosted around Delaware to get the valuable donations to those in need. Please consider helping out and volunteering, while earning service hours for your hard work. Contact Tanmay Garudadri at (302)-522-4099 for more information and to help out!

Hygiene Drive

by Samveda Menon

"Experiencing poverty and/or homelessness to contribute to health issues, while health issues can contribute to poverty and homelessness" (Wooley) The matter of homelessness is quite relevant in the community around us, and as food is the number one concern among the homeless, hygiene gets put aside. The Charity Crossing Hygiene Drive aims to combat the lack of hygiene products available to those who are homeless and to those who are in poor living conditions. Please join our effort to provide hygiene products to help those in need, and for more information contact Samveda (302-333-9443), Meera (302-332-7735), or Yuvakshi (302-279-6876).

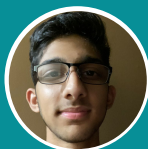
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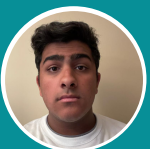
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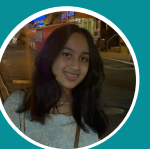
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