

# CC MONTHLY

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## **New Smyrna Serve**

by Abhinav Parmar

Charity Crossing is excited to announce its 6th community giveaway location. This giveaway had it's very first serve on Sunday, February 27th, 2022, at 16 East Mount Vernon St. Smyrna, Delaware. This serve will happen every Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Charity Crossing is in partnership with Global Ubuntu Impact Foundation and TAC – Peniel International Assemblyto make this initiative possible. We would like to extend a very grateful thank you to our partners, as well as Gifty Boateng who is the lead of this location. There will be many items distributed, such as household items, masks, wipes, and disinfectant sprays to continue the battle against COVID-19. We hope to all see you there with a smile on your face! Please share with your friends and family and make sure to come support our newest Charity Crossing weekly serve location.

# 2022 Autism Acceptance Walk

by Kirti Daga

For the past few years, during the month of April, Charity Crossing has hosted an Autism Acceptance walk to promote acceptance and help raise money to support the local community. The lack of knowledge about autism and neurodiversity was one of the prominent reasons for us to work towards fostering inclusivity. In order to do so, Charity Crossing holds annual 5K walks every year to help educate people for this cause.

This year, Charity Crossing is holding the event on Saturday, April 23rd in Delaware at Glasgow Park and Pennsylvania at Chester Valley Trail. Both events will go from 11am to 1pm. Many volunteers, community members, and guest speakers will be present at the event for strong encouragement and contributions towards this great cause. For more information and to see the flyer, please check out the Charity Crossing website. There is no need to sign up, just show up and you can take a pleasant walk throughout the trail while socializing with other community members. We hope to see you there! Please also consider donating to this cause. Your act of kindness will go a long way for those in need. Find more information about the Autism 5K and previous walks at <https://charitycrossing.org/category/autism-walk/>.



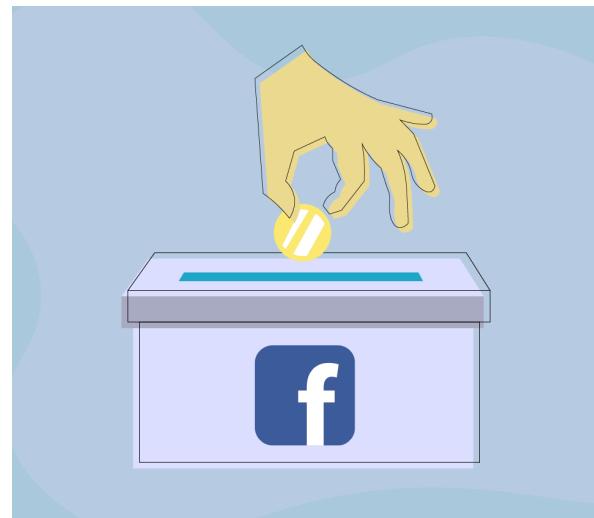
# Social Media Birthday Fundraisers

by Shriya Rajagopalan

Charity Crossing does not stop at finding more ways to expand its service and acts of kindness to more people. Recently, we have started an initiative to create a birthday fundraiser through social media to help. CC will use this money to branch out to more areas and find more efficient ways to aid those in need. On Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and other social media platforms, you will have the option to collect money for Charity Crossing on your birthday. This not only helps raise money, but also spreads awareness for CC through social media. You can enjoy a content feeling, knowing that you played a part in helping your community on your special day.



On Facebook, users have helped donate more than \$300 million dollars this past year. In order to participate in this donation, you must provide your birthday to create an account. After doing so, your facebook friends will get notified to donate to your cause on your birthday. This will later be transferred to Charity Crossing. Please help us serve our community better with this act of kindness once a year on your special day. Your action will definitely go a long way!



## CC Volunteer Testimonials

What does Charity Crossing mean to you? For our volunteers and members, Charity Crossing is an opportunity to learn and grow. It is an organization dedicated to helping others and providing the youth with experience to develop their volunteerism leadership skills. Charity Crossing represents the values of compassion, connectivity, and giving. Check out these testimonials written by our very own youth leaders!

### Testimonial 1 - Aratrika Ghosh

CC helped me gain so many new skills whether it be leadership, teamwork, digital communication, or networking. This community has helped me develop my passion and raise awareness on many important issues in today's world. Seeing other kids my age leading drives to make the community a better place and coming together to volunteer for community service. Every time I participated and led drives I learned so many new things and met so many great people.

### Testimonial 2 - Nithi Chrisostam

For me, CC has taught leadership skills. Through my experience in CC, I've learned a lot about communication, teamwork, and most importantly, the potential that we all have to make a great impact on our community!

### Testimonial 3 - Shriya Rajagopalan

CC has opened up my passion for volunteering that I didn't know I had prior to joining. I now look forward to it because I can interact with people while also helping out. After seeing smiles on people's faces, I notice the impact I made on our community.

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# Additional News

## Amazon Smile

Charity Crossing is a member of the Amazon Smile program, which is a great way to raise funds and reach more people in need. To start off, Amazon Smile has the same products as the Amazon that you normally shop on, except this site donates a part of the money from your purchase to Charity Crossing. No extra cost to you! Please go on [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) or use the regular Prime app on your phone to sign up first. For more instructions on how to sign up, please check out the Amazon Smile flyer in CC's website and Facebook.

## Matching Donations

As Charity Crossing is a non-profit organization, a big part of the reason we can constantly serve the community is due to help from corporate donors. An amazing example of this occurred earlier this year in February, when JP Morgan Chase, Bank of America, and other employers matched employee donations and helped raise \$11,713 for Charity Crossing's vehicle fundraiser. We encourage you to check with your employer to see if there are similar programs available!

## Dollars-for-Doers Program

Dollars-for-Doers is a corporate program that distributes monetary grants to non-profit organizations where its employees volunteer. They are also known as volunteer grants or dollars-for-hours programs. The process of receiving one of these grants is essentially the same throughout corporations: First, the employee must volunteer with a non-profit. They then submit a request for a Dollars-for-Doers grant to their employer, who will verify the number of hours performed, then send a check to the non-profit organization. Many companies have different specifications for their grants, including the eligibility of their employees or number of volunteer hours performed. Check with your employer to see if such programs exist, as well as to understand the specific requirements enumerated by that company. Some nearby companies that offer dollars-for-doers, or volunteer grants, include Bank of America, JP Morgan Chase, Aetna, Microsoft, and many more. For more information, visit <https://doublethedonation.com/tips/dollars-for-doers-grants-definition/#:~:text=A%20Dollars%20for%20Doers%20program,Matching%20Time%20Programs>.

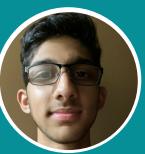
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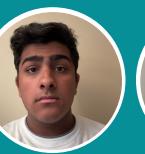
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