# **CC MONTHLY**

## The official newsletter of Charity Crossing



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## **PPE Serve Events**

by Tanmay Garudadri

Charity Crossing volunteers went out to collect and distribute PPE donations all this month. Donations included N-95 masks, wipes, gloves, hand soap, and sanitizer, all of which were distributed to schools and organizations such as religious places of worship, senior centers, hospitals, athletic centers, parks, libraries, and county offices in need of donations. Much of this was possible because of the logistical operations, the donations we received, and the willingness of our volunteers to go out and serve those in need. Over 100 boxes and tens of boxes of each type of donation were collected and distributed. Despite the stormy weather, volunteers stood out in the cold distributing the donations. From unloading boxes to the supply chain of volunteers to the public and private organizations, Charity Crossing's volunteers do all they can to get the donations to those who need them.

# **March 5 Event Updates**

by Kirti Daga

2021 was a year full of opportunities, sense of community, kinship, and an opportunity to feel good while doing good. Charity Crossing volunteers worked hard time and time again to bring about a sense of unity to help underprivileged members throughout the community, especially during a global pandemic. Cohesively, volunteers compiled an impressive 18,473 volunteers, \$277,088 economic value, and gave away \$1.4 million full of items throughout the annual events.



To appreciate the volunteers' work, Charity Crossing is hosting a volunteer and partner appreciation event on March 5, 2022 and to celebrate the efforts of the many volunteers in our communities, from environmental initiatives to human rights. At this event, Charity Crossing will be recognizing these recipients: 1 PVSA Lifetime achievement award; 26 PVSA Gold, 11 PVSA Silver, 27 PVSA Bronze, 85 certificate recipients, and 16 Partner award recipients. Integrated with an award ceremony followed by a dinner, volunteers and the community audience will have great times to network, listen to speeches, eat, and enjoy a night to celebrate the fruits of their labor for the 2021 year. Congratulations to all volunteers and speakers and we hope to see you at the event! For more information or to book tickets, please visit:

https://charitycrossing.org/event/vap-appreciation-day-2022/.

# **CC** Autism Acceptance Walk 2022

#### by Shriya Rajagopalan

We are soon approaching Autism Awareness Month! Every year during the month of April, Charity Crossing hosts an Autism acceptance walk to raise awareness and help educate others about those who are on the spectrum. Our annual walks started a few years ago, when a family with a relative in the spectrum reached out to Charity Crossing, asking if we could have an event to acknowledge people with Autism. Charity Crossing has held annual 5k walks for this cause to educate people and foster inclusivity. We strongly invite you to join, and encourage you to contribute some of your time to help this cause!

#### FEBRUARY 19, 2022

Currently, Charity Crossing is arranging the walk in both Delaware and Pennsylvania. Delaware's 5k walk will be on April 23rd in Glasgow Park. Pennsylvania will hold theirs on April 23rd as well, in the Chester Valley Trail. Timings and other information will be shared in the flyer, which you can find on our website. You can take a nice walk in the beautiful trail while also socializing with others AND helping a great cause. Registration links will be shared soon!



Please also consider donating to this cause, or contacting your employer to match donations. Your act of kindness will go a long way for those in need. Find more information about the Autism 5k and previous walks at <a href="https://charitycrossing.org/category/autism-walk/">https://charitycrossing.org/category/autism-walk/</a>.

# Get in touch with CC!

Charity Crossing's slogan is "Connect, Share, Care." Over the last five years, we have been able to truly exemplify this motto-- Through the ever-growing capabilities of the internet, Charity Crossing has been able to garner a large community outreach through our presence on multiple social media platforms.



## Website - <u>www.charitycrossing.org</u>

Charity Crossing's website contains all relevant information on CC's serves, initiatives, and accomplishments. You can register for event participation and learn more about Charity Crossing by scanning the QR code to the right.



### Facebook - Charity Crossing

Our main social media platform is Facebook-- Here, you can find updates, flyers, and accomplishments on our initiatives. Our community outreach mainly takes place on this platform, which you can access by scanning the QR code to the right.



### LinkedIn - <u>Charity Crossing Inc</u>

On LinkedIn, you can connect with Charity Crossing and view our various posts and videos. There, information is listed on various drives and initiatives. You can access our LinkedIn page by scanning the QR code to the right.

# **Additional News**

## **Amazon Smile**

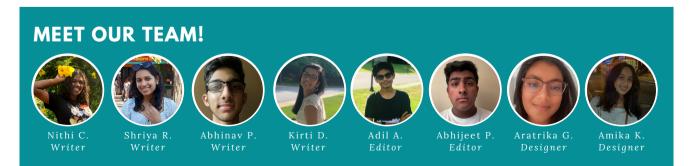
Charity Crossing is a member of the Amazon Smile program, which is a great way to raise funds and reach more people in need. To start off, Amazon Smile has the same products as the Amazon that you normally shop on, except this site donates a part of the money from your purchase to Charity Crossing. No extra cost to you! Please go on smile.amazon.com 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 <u>https://doublethedonation.com/tips/dollars-for-doers-grants-definition/#:~:text=A%20Dollars%20for%20Doers%20program,Matching%20Time%20Programs</u>.



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