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Volunteer & Partner Awards

By: Tanmay Garudadri

Charity Crossing volunteers work hard on weekdays and weekends, sacrificing their time to help those in need. One month ago, on March 5th, Charity Crossing set up an event where we got to appreciate the volunteers and partners that had been working hard all of 2021, and many dignitaries including Lt. Governor, 3 state senators and representatives, New Castle County Executive, Councilman, Lincoln Financials CEO Elect attended to support Charity Crossing.

Volunteers were thanked for their community service and 60 volunteers were awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) as well as 85 volunteers received certificates validating the hours of service that they completed. Together, Charity Crossing completed over 18,500 hours of community service in 2021!

Charity Crossing continues to help communities in need and will keep doing so for the foreseeable future, expanding to many states and helping out one step at a time. Here is the link:

<https://charitycrossing.org/cc2021awardees/>

Autism Acceptance Walk

by Shriya Rajagopalan

Come join the virtual autism acceptance walk this whole month of April. Since April is Autism Acceptance month, we hold this walk every year to educate people about Autism and accept those in the spectrum. We encourage you to donate to this cause through our website. You are encouraged to do the fundraiser for this cause anytime in the month of April. For every \$25 you raise you can do the 5K walk from wherever you are in the month of April. Additional details about the walk can be found on the flyer on the CC website.

This year, the walk on the 23rd was held in both Delaware and Pennsylvania. Food and drinks were provided as well as Charity Crossing T-shirts to those who donated \$25 or more. There were also a few key speakers invited to talk about their experience with people in their life who have Autism.




Upcoming Blood Donation Drive

by Abhinav Parmar

Anything is possible if only we are willing to give our best. Two years ago this time, Charity Crossing kicked off its first blood donation drive. A handful of people donated. Seeing the interest to donate, we switched the donation frequency to quarterly. Every quarter that count continued to increase. Our upcoming donation will happen from April 25th to April 30th. So far 16 donors have signed up to donate on April 30th.




Kudos to Aaratrika for leading the effort. Kudos to Kirti Daga, our brave youth (youngest) donor. She is going to do it for the first time. So proud of you Kirti Daga. You have the opportunity to save a life by donating blood or blood products this April! If you would like to donate please use this link: https://donate.bbd.org/donor/auth/signin_landing. After donating please register your hero card and choose Charity Crossing as the organization <https://www.delmarvablood.org/give-blood/herocard/>



BLOOD DONATION DRIVE

A CHARITY CROSSING INITIATIVE


4.5 million Americans need a blood transfusion each year. Someone is in need of blood in the U.S. every 2 seconds. Because of COVID-19, the need for blood and platelet donors is critical. You can help save someone's life by volunteering, donating, and spreading the word.



WHEN/WHERE:
7:35 am to 2:00 pm
April 24th - April 30th, 2022
Blood Bank of Delmarva
300 Ixigala Drive,
Newark, DE 19713


FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT:
Aaratrika - 302-276-5594
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Making Appointment
Login to donor page to schedule an appointment. Follow instruction on this page



<https://donate.bbd.org/donor/auth/signin>

Hero Card
After you donate, record your donation for CC by scanning this code! Keep your donation receipt for your donor number. Use the drop-down and locate Charity Crossing.



<https://www.delmarvablood.org/give-blood/herocard>

Mother's Day Care Bag Initiative

By Kirti Daga

With the upcoming spring and summer months, families are looking forward to many upcoming celebrations, cookouts, and a special time with each other. But, these months also bring a time of appreciation and admiration for parents. Specifically, mothers day; recognized as a unique gift to children, the world celebrates the supreme sacrifices made by mothers and the unconditional love that a woman has for their children. To commemorate those same intentions, Charity Crossing is hosting their Mother's Day/Care Bag Initiative to help all mothers celebrate a special day for the ample amount of love they have and give to their children. Falling on the second Sunday of May (May 8). Charity Crossing is making hand-made goodie bags and care packages with the help of our volunteers. The bags will then be distributed to all ten Charity Crossing serve locations one week prior to celebrations in order to extend our horizon to all the beautiful mothers out there to feel loved from our very hearts. Initiative leaders Aarti Daga and Rupali Langote strongly believe that "a mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take." but to bring something that can help appreciate the place a mother holds in one's heart, Charity Crossing has set up this initiative to celebrate all the mothers out in the community on the special day of May 8th.



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 <https://doublethedonation.com/tips/dollars-for-doers-grants-definition/#:~:text=A%20Dollars%20for%20Doers%20program,Matching%20Time%20Programs>.

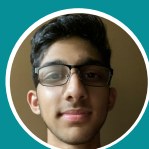
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