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2022 Autism Acceptance Walk

by Glenn Xavier and Abhinav Parmar

5 years ago, Charity Crossing made a promise to a young father that CC would do an Autism Walk every year to increase Autism understanding and acceptance. CC has been very successful so far in its mission. Even during the pandemic years, CC successfully conducted the walk and fulfilled its promise. Any funds raised from these events are given back to benefit Autistic communities.

On April 23rd, 2022, Charity Crossing hosted its' 5th annual Autism understanding and acceptance walk at Glasgow Park, Delaware, and Wilson Farm Park, Pennsylvania. Both events were free to participate in to encourage community participation.

Every year CC strives to make an impact. To that end, this year's events were led by compassionate youth leaders.



New CC Giveaway Locations: LBJC (MD) and Herlihy (DE)

by Rohan Sivva

Ever since Charity Crossing began to serve the community, we've been able to exponentially grow and create 11 new locations dedicated to helping people and serving the community! We're proud to introduce the most recent addition to this list of serving centers: LJBC (The Lion of Judah Bible Cafe) in Perryville, MD. Since our first event on April 30th, we've been able to donate canned food, clothing, household items, and much more to the Perryville Community by working together with the Lion of Judah Bible Cafe organization. If you're able to make time to volunteer here, you'll have the incredible opportunity to help make someone's day, and you'll know that you've possibly changed someone's life by donating and assisting them in making ends meet.

As well as our new location in Perryville MD, we've established another serving center here in Wilmington, to join our Hicks and Interfaith Community Housing serves. For this new service, we will partner with Herhily, to expand our ability to give back to a larger portion of the community, therefore changing more and more people's lives for the better. Similar to our various other locations, our new event at Herhily will donate clothes, foods, household items, and much more to another portion of the community. Volunteering here will allow you to interact with your community, allowing you to become a more active and beneficial member.

On behalf of everyone in the CC Community, we'd like to thank all the leads as well as Jay uncle in allowing these new events to come into fruition. Additionally, we'd also like to thank all of the new volunteers who made the first serves in both of these new locations an amazing success. We urge you to register to volunteer at these new locations, to not only get a valuable and precious experience from helping people but to also meet new volunteers and make lifelong friends.



MOT Serve Assists Veteran's Center

by Nithi Chrisostam

Charity Crossing holds weekly serve events in the MOT area in Delaware, to help provide basic needs and essential items to individuals and families living in local communities. On Sunday, April 24, CC's weekly MOT serve was very successful, as it was held outdoors and all items were distributed. One of the best successes of this outdoor serve event was Charity Crossing's contributions to the Brian Conley Veteran's Resilience Center. During this serve, volunteers were able to donate blankets to the veterans center. We hope that our contributions can help many veterans in our community, and hope to provide aid to many more individuals and families in our communities in the future.

Youth Volunteers Receive 2022 Governor's Youth Volunteer Awards

by Kirti Daga

On May 17, the Governor's Youth Volunteer Service Awards Ceremony celebrated 13 young people, four emerging leaders and two groups and recognized their service to Delaware. Out of the volunteers selected, Charity Crossing proudly swept 5 out of 13 awards in total for their well-deserved recognition and success throughout this time. The 2022 award recipients took part in raising funds for local nonprofits, helping fellow classmates prepare for college, donating PPE during the pandemic, and many more activities to help inspire youthful energy for others as they navigate the new and ever-changing challenges that surround the community.

Throughout the hard work of these volunteers, a major shoutout also goes out Veni Jayakumar, Anitha Sakthi, and Sukanya Subramaniam. They started to work at the dawn of year 2022, selected qualifying volunteers, and met almost every week to track progress and help their nominations stand out for the review committee. Their tireless efforts finally paid off, when Abhinav Parmar, Aratrika Ghosh, Kirti Daga, Nithila Chrisostam, and Sahil Langote received their awards Congratulations to all of these volunteers!



Community Giveaway at Glasgow Park

by Aratrika Ghosh

During our 2022 Autism Acceptance Walk in Glasgow Park, DE, Charity Crossing also held a giveaway serve at this same location. Hundreds of people that came for the assortment of items we had such as household items, decorative pieces, inflatable pools, and even PPE items to stay safe and clean. As I was in attendance I can say with absolute certainty the serve was a huge success and it was by far the most pleasing to see everyone get what they wanted and even more.



This wouldn't have been possible at all if it weren't for Amazon and Walmart for being generous donators, supplying Charity Crossing with the donations that we are able to distribute. For that we extend our gratitude for your assistance.

CC Care Bag Initiative

by Raksha

Charity Crossing's Care bag Initiative forge ahead to make Care Bags every month and distribute them to different organizations. CC volunteers get to choose the organization of their interest and prepare care bags for that organization based on their requirements. For the month of April Ronald McDonald house(RMH) was chosen by our CC Volunteer Gayatri as they had a kid of a family friend getting help from RMH and was treated for Leukemia.



RMH supports programs that help improve the health and well being of children and their families from different parts of the world. Our CC Volunteers Gayatri, Arnav and Aradhya made care bags for kids which had kid friendly toys, snacks, joke books, activity books, crafts, sanitizers and masks. The bags were delivered on April 21, 2022. Charity crossing's little contribution to bring joy, laughter and relief to children fighting a life threatening disease or condition.



Blood Donation Drive

by Aratrika Ghosh

This initiative started two years ago when we heard about the blood shortage at the onset of Covid-19. Every quarter 5 or 6 people donated blood. On our 2nd anniversary we achieved many milestones:

1. 17 people donated blood (Kirti Daga, Arun Daga, Aarti Daga, Jay Muthukamatchi, Sunil Kumar, Janardhan Baddam, Shailaja Sivva, Rupali Langote, Chandra Dontaraju, Veni Jayakumar, Baranidharan Radhakrishnan, Dan Davis, DE Senator Nicole Saville Poore, NCC Councilman David L. Tackett, Sippi Sharma, Arundhati Bose, Vellore Gopi).
2. 5 people are first-time donors (Nicole Saville Poore, Sippi Sharma, Aarti Daga, Arun Daga, Kirti Daga)
3. 17 years old is our youngest donor Kirti Daga
4. 20 years - Veni Jayakumar has been donating blood. She has the longest streak.
5. 50+ people will benefit from today's donation. Thank you donor for giving this life-saving gift.

DE Senator Nicole Saville Poore is interested in bringing her Legislative colleagues to CC's next quarterly blood donation drive. Looking forward to it. Our volunteers Anitha Sakthi and Sakthi Raghu provided hot Horlicks drinks to the donors and kept them energized and hydrated. Also, they gave volunteers emotional support when needed. Thank you Anitha Sakthi and Sakthi Raghu Our volunteers stood by first-time donors, held their hands, and gave hugs. The volunteers did whatever it took to make it comfortable for the donors. Thanks to Youth volunteers Aratrika Ghosh and Karthi Jayakumar for executing the drive successfully.

Thanks to Tony Prado and his colleagues at Blood Bank of Delmarva for hosting.



DOJ Collaboration Event

by Raksha

The Department Of Justice (DOJ) supports and uplifts communities statewide, and works to build trust between those communities and local law enforcement agencies. Charity crossing synergized with the Department Of Justice to do a monthly community service at different locations .



For the month of May the community service happened at Adam’s square shopping center on May 20th. We served more than 100 families at this event. We distributed wipes, hand sanitizers, masks, socks, summer clothes and a lot of household items. Rupali Langote was leading this serve and our CC volunteer helped us to run this serve successfully. With increasing covid cases ,these PPE stuff will help the local community to keep them safe while they enjoy the summer.



Ukraine Relief Efforts

by Nithi Chrisostam

On Wednesday, May 11 at the Legislative Hall in Dover, DE, Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long and other members of the General Assembly presented a “Delaware for Ukraine” donation drive. The event was held in partnership with various local organizations, such as Donate Delaware, PAM Health, the DE Council of Faith-Based Partnerships, and of course, Charity Crossing. Donations collected at the event included non-perishable foods, hygiene products, medicine and medical equipment, and other life-saving supplies.



In addition to collecting these essentials, the event offered a place for members of the community to join in solidarity and support for Ukraine. Lt. Governor Hall-Long stated: “The brutal assault on Ukraine by Russian forces has left millions of Ukrainians displaced and in need of live-saving resources... These brave people have suffered tremendous losses, and it is critical that we provide them with much needed supplies and support for assistance.”

Charity Crossing was able to contribute to these efforts by supplying a truckload of donations, which will benefit displaced Ukrainian individuals and families. Founder of Charity Crossing, Jay Muthukamatchi, spoke: “This war, a man-made disaster, has been hurting children, women, men, and senior citizens. It is heartbreaking to see them getting hurt. Charity Crossing is thankful for the opportunity to participate in this donation drive.” We hope that our donations can reach and benefit those who are in need, and our hearts are with those in Ukraine who are fighting against and persevering despite this terrible war.

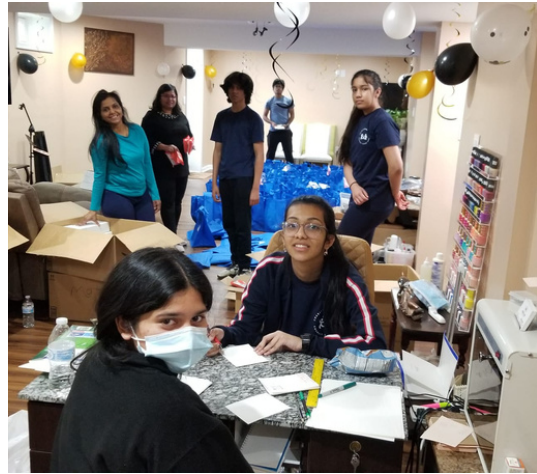


Mother's Day Care Bags

by Shriya Raj and Rohan Sivva

As we leaped into Spring of 2022, some of the Charity Crossing volunteers expressed interest to make Mother's Day Care Bags to give during Mother's Day. For the next 4 weeks, these volunteers started to shop as well as collect gift items suitable for the Mothers. On April 17th, 2022 these volunteers worked non-stop for about 4 hours and made 130 Mother's Day Care Bags.

Each bag contained hand sanitizers, wipes, N95 masks, hair accessories, makeup products, jewelry, decorative gifts, and lots of other useful items. These bags were distributed to 130 Mothers at 10 different Charity Crossing's serving locations in Delaware and Maryland. It was heartwarming to see many happy mothers as they received these bags. Charity Crossing thanks Arti Daga and Rupali Langote for leading this wonderful initiative as well as volunteers Neeti, Aarush, Sami, Kirti, Ruchi, and Sahil for helping with creating the Mother's Day Care Bags and greeting cards. You all made 130 mothers happy this Mother's Day!



Volunteers Needed!

Charity Crossing is proud to support so many various and diverse communities, and unite community members and volunteers with the gift of giving. Our serve locations and outreach continues to grow, with new locations being added as we grow.

Currently, volunteers are needed at our serve at the Interfaith Community House in Wilmington.



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>.

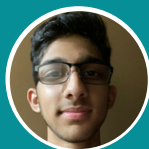
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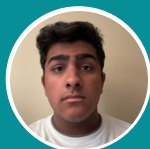
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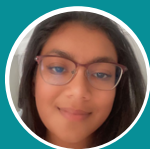
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