"Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God"

 ~[William Carey](http://home.snu.edu/~hculbert/carey.htm)

Outreach is about giving a hand up not just a handout.

**Drives**

* **GotSneakers** <https://gotsneakers.com/>
	+ GotSneakers is making it socially and financially rewarding to contribute to a circular economy with our FREE sneaker recycling programs.
		- Anyone – Any age
			* This can also be a fundraiser
* **Clothing**
	+ You can hold a clothing drive. Gently warn and new clothing from children to adults is always needed.
		- Most needed items: New socks and New underwear
		- There are a lot of places that accept clothing – just double check what and when each place is accepting donations.
			* Here is a list of some places to donate (where we know the clothing is going to help people):

Howards Mission – Cedar Knolls, NJ

<https://www.alignable.com/hanover-nj/howard-s-mission-the-gelman-foundation>

Toni’s Closet – Montclair, NJ <https://toniskitchen.org/tonis-community-closet/>

Project Self Sufficiency – Newton, NJ <https://www.projectselfsufficiency.org/clothing>

HomeFront – Lawrenceville, NJ <https://www.homefrontnj.org/donate-food-furniture-and-clothing/>

Family Resource Associates – Red Bank & Brick, NJ <https://www.frainc.org/make_a_difference/fra-clothing-drive.html>

Moms Helping Moms – Warren, NJ <https://www.frainc.org/make_a_difference/fra-clothing-drive.html>

Market Street Mission – Morristown, NJ <https://www.marketstreet.org/thrift-store/>

* + - Please be careful dropping clothing off in clothing bins. Some of those items do not make it to people who need it. Also monitor the condition of the clothing you are donating.
* **Diaper & Baby Item** **Drive**
	+ Did you know that 1 in 3 families in the U.S. cannot afford diapers and in addition, diapers are not covered by most federally funded public assistance programs.
		- Places to donate:
			* North Porch – there are multiple locations <http://northporch.org/>
			* Central Jersey Diaper Bank - <https://www.centraljerseydiaperbank.org/>
			* Moms Helping Moms - <https://momshelpingmomsfoundation.org/>
			* Community FoodBank of NJ - <https://cfbnj.org/find-free-diapers-in-nj/>
* **Food Drive**
	+ Collect non-perishable items – great for any age any time. \*\*Try to have food drives not just around the Holidays – Unfortunately hunger happens year-round.
		- Look for Local Food Pantries to donate to as well as the larger food banks.
			* Here are a few local food pantries you can donate to:
				+ First Presbyterian Church of Whippany Food Pantry - <https://whippanychurch.com>
				+ Loaves & Fishes Community Food Bank- First Presbyterian Church of Boonton - <https://www.lfcfp.org/>
				+ Holy Trinity Episcopal Church – West Orange - <http://holytrinitywo.org/food-pantry>
				+ Bloomfield Presbyterian Church Food Pantry - <http://bpcog.org/food-pantry/>
				+ Human Needs Food Pantry – Montclair <https://www.humanneedsfoodpantry.org/>
			* Larger Food Pantries
				+ Interfaith Food Pantry
				+ Community Food Bank of NJ
				+ American Eagle Food Pantry
		- These are just a few – please check in your area for local food pantries
* **Seasonal Drives**
	+ Backpacks and school supplies
	+ Coats, hats, scarves, and gloves
	+ Halloween Costumes
	+ Thanksgiving turkeys
	+ Christmas gifts
* **Year-Round Drives**
	+ Toiletries
	+ Socks
	+ Food
	+ Diapers
* **Great Organizations that provide countless ways to volunteer**
	+ **Jersey Cares** <https://www.jerseycares.org/>
		- Care of the Park in Branchbrook Park
		- Earth Keepers in Jersey City
		- Farm Adventures in Sussex County
		- Marketplace in Clifton, East Brunswick or North Bergen
		- Pet Therapy in Hanover
		- Warehouse assistance in Hillside
		- Pop-up Farmers Markets
		- and so much more!!!!!
	+ **Bridges Outreach** <https://bridgesoutreach.org/>
		- Outreach Runs
		- Soup Making
		- Brown Bag Lunches
		- Hygiene Kits
		- Cold Weather Packs
	+ **Nourish NJ** <https://nourishnj.org/volunteer-redirect.html>
		- Purple Apron Meals
		- Acts of Kindness Kits
		- Rise and Shine Breakfast Kits
		- Handout food
		- Serve Meals
	+ **Market Street Mission** <https://www.marketstreet.org/ways-to-help/volunteer/>
		- Serve a Meal
		- Project Backpack
		- Food Drive
		- Thrift store
		- Coat Drive / Giveaway
		- Handyman Projects
		- Tutoring
		- Office organizational duties

**Virtual / Contactless:**

* **Color a Smile** <https://colorasmile.org/>
	+ Color A Smile is a nonprofit organization that distributes cheerful drawings to Senior Citizens, Our Troops Overseas, and anyone in need of a smile.
		- Anyone, any age can volunteer to color and help spread smiles.
* **Prayer Team Warriors** <https://www.soupmobile.org/prayer-team>
	+ Every week the SoupMobile collects prayer requests from the homeless & others in need of prayer! You receive an email with the current weeks prayer requests and you pray over them
		- Great as a group project.
* **Conversations to Remember** <https://conversationstoremember.org/>
	+ Connecting high school and college students with senior citizens to combat the epidemic of loneliness. Volunteer virtually, right from your home or dorm. Join a video call from anywhere to do your part to improve a lonely senior’s day.
		- High School age and up
* **Project Linus** <https://www.projectlinus.org/>
	+ Provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new handmade blankets.
* **My Very Own Blanket** <https://www.myveryownblanket.org/>
	+ My Very Own Blanket is dedicated to warming the heart of every child in the foster care system with a blanket which gives them a feeling of comfort, security, and most of all, a SMILE.

**Cooking:**

* **Homeless Solutions** <https://homelesssolutions.org/>
	+ Homeless Solutions has been helping the homeless and working poor in our community. Our goal is to give those we serve the tools and surroundings they need to rebuild their lives and become self-sufficient.
* **Lasagna Love** <https://www.lasagnalove.org/>
	+ Bake a lasagna and deliver it to a family in need of some extra love and kindness. There are plenty of ways to get involved with Lasagna Love, even if you don’t have time to cook!
* **Market Street Mission** <https://www.marketstreet.org/ways-to-help/volunteer/>
	+ Our mission at Market Street is to surround our homeless, hungry and those struggling with addiction with God’s love and everything they need to get back on their feet.

**Soup Kitchens:**

* **Nourish NJ** <https://nourishnj.org/home2022.html>
	+ Nourish.NJ creates lasting solutions to the problems of hunger, homelessness and poverty. We offer food, housing, work readiness, medical, social and educational services 365 days a year in a warm, safe and caring environment, free of charge, no questions asked.
* **Toni’s Kitchen** <https://toniskitchen.org/>
	+ Toni's Kitchen provides food to our neighbors in need in ways that respect their dignity, improve health and foster independence.
* **Faith Kitchen** <https://faithkitchendover.org/>
	+ We serve men, women, children, the elderly, the working poor, the unemployed, veterans, immigrants, the homeless, and those who are food insecure – no questions asked.
* **Saint John’s Soup Kitchen** <https://www.njsk.org/>
	+ With your help, we can continue helping many of our fellow men, women and children who have fallen on hard times. It is up to all of us to make a difference in the communities we live in.
* **House of Love Soup Kitchen** <http://houseoflovesoupkitchen.org/>
	+ The House of Love Soup Kitchen is a faith based organization that helps individuals who are experiencing hardship due to life circumstances.
* **Elijah’s Promise Soup Kitchen** <https://elijahspromise.org/>
	+ We envision a community where no one goes hungry for lack of food or funds, where a good meal is a nutritious meal, where our community learns to steward natural and financial resources wisely, and where we make opportunity available to those who seek it. We believe that Food Changes Lives!

**Children:**

* **The Bag Project** <http://www.thebagproject.org/>
	+ Provide children in crisis with an age-appropriate bag filled with basic necessities and comfort items
* **Embrella** <https://www.embrella.org/backpacks-nj-foster-children/>
	+ When caring people like you donate backpacks, they are given to children in foster care by their foster parents as a gift to welcome foster children into the foster home
* Children’s Aid and Family Services https://cafsnj.org/
	+ Children’s Aid and Family Services strengthens families and empowers individuals – children and adults alike – to reach their fullest potential. Motivated by compassion and in partnership with the community, we make positive lasting differences in the lives of those we serve. We provide high-quality, innovative services to children, adults, and their families that advance social, educational, and emotional development and wellbeing.

**Animals:**

* **Patchwork Pastures** <https://patchworkpastures.org/>
	+ As parents of children in recovery and animal lovers our small animal sanctuary and our amazing team is committed to bringing recovery and nature together.
* **Antler Ridge Wildlife Sanctuary** <https://www.antler-ridge.com/>
	+ The mission of Antler Ridge Wildlife Sanctuary is to provide care and treatment to sick, injured or orphaned wild animals, rehabilitate them back to their wild state so they can be returned to their natural habitat
* **Marty’s Place** <https://martysplace.org/>
	+ Marty’s Place Senior Dog Sanctuary® provides a safe, loving and protected environment for senior dogs that do not have homes. Our residents are older – age 7 or beyond – and receive the physical and emotional comfort, companionship, and enrichment they need to thrive in their golden years.
* **Local Animal Shelters**
	+ Check with your local animal shelters to see how you can help.

Show people that you care – it’s not about just doing a good deed – it’s about making a difference.