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### **KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATIONS PREPARATION**

**The Place:** Off Campus  
Elementary School

**Participants:** 15 maximum

**Team Leader:** Meredith Riddle

**Description:** This group of volunteers will be assigned to a specific elementary school in Brick to team up with kindergarten teachers. Together, they will create an exciting and memorable Kindergarten Orientation Day, crafting materials that will make the young students' first school experience truly special. This enthusiastic effort aims to ensure a magical and welcoming start for the little ones. This event requires the volunteer to drive off campus.

**Physical Requirement:** (Indoor) Involves physical lifting, extensive walking, etc.

### **FOOD PANTRY ASSISTANCE**

**The Place:** Off Campus

Seeds of Service: 725 Mantoloking Rd., Brick, NJ 08723

**Participants:** 20 maximum

**Team Leader:** Alexa Beshara-Blauth

**Description:** Volunteers will play a crucial role in ensuring the food pantry at Seeds of Service runs smoothly by helping to unload food donations from pallets and neatly stocking shelves. Your efforts in organizing the pantry will directly support families in need, creating a more efficient and welcoming environment for everyone.

**Physical Requirement:** (Indoor) Removing food donations from pallet, lifting, organizing.

### **CLEANING THE OCEAN COUNTY YMCA**

**The Place:** Off Campus

Ocean County YMCA: 1088 W

Whitty Rd., Toms River, NJ 08755

**Participants:** 6 maximum

**Team Leader:** Celeste Buckelew

**Description:** Volunteers are needed to help keep the YMCA clean and inviting. Tasks include general interior cleaning, such as cleaning locker rooms and various other areas within the facility. Your efforts will ensure a welcoming environment for all members.

**Physical Requirement:** (Indoor) Cleaning.

### **COFFEE SOCIAL AND ORGANIZED ACTIVITY WITH PATIENTS/RESIDENTS**

**The Place:** Off Campus

Rose Garden Nursing and Rehabilitation Center: 1579

Old Freehold Rd., Toms River, NJ

**Participants:** 6 maximum

**Team Leader:** Debra Lee-Vasquez

**Description:** Volunteers will guide residents to the designated activity room and will help conduct the Coffee Social by serving coffee, offering snacks, and chatting with residents. Following the Coffee Social, volunteers will lead a group singalong with the residents! These fun and interactive activities will bring joy and excitement to the residents. Three volunteers can be accommodated on each of the two floors.

Join us in creating memorable experiences and fostering a vibrant community spirit!

**Physical Requirement:** None (Indoor)

### **INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH**

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## OCC LIBRARY: HELP US TEST THE NEW TECHNOLOGY

**The Place:** On Campus

Ocean County College Library (Bldg. 3)

**Participants:** 15 maximum

**Team Leader:** Donna Rosinski-Kauz

**Description:** Volunteers will get a sneak peek at the new Library space and will help test the new technology that is being installed in single person study pods, video-connected group study rooms, and Tower Room 1, where a film clip will be shown.

**Physical Requirement:** (Indoor) Testing equipment.

## CARD-MAKING WORKSHOP: SESSION A

**The Place:** On Campus

Ocean County College Library (Bldg. 3)

Multipurpose Room

**Participants:** 20 maximum

**Team Leader:** Catherine Pontoriero

**Description:** Volunteers are invited to join a one-hour hands-on card-making workshop. Session A runs from 10 a.m. to approximately 11 a. m.. The beautiful cards created during this session will be sent to veterans, facilitated through OCC's VMRC. Participate in this meaningful activity and show your appreciation to our veterans through your creative efforts.

**Physical Requirement:** None (Indoor)

## CARD-MAKING WORKSHOP: SESSION B

**The Place:** On Campus

Ocean County College Library (Bldg. 3)

Multipurpose Room

**Participants:** 20 maximum

**Team Leader:** Catherine Pontoriero

**Description:** Volunteers are invited to join a one-hour hands-on card-making workshop. Session B runs from 11 a.m. to approximately 12 p.m.. The beautiful cards created during this session will be sent to veterans, facilitated through OCC's VMRC. Participate in this meaningful activity and show your appreciation to our veterans through your creative efforts.

**Physical Requirement:** None (Indoor)

## FACILITY ENHANCEMENTS FOR AT-RISK YOUTH SHELTER

**The Place:** Off Campus

Ocean's Harbor House:

Location #1 TLP Building 808 Conifer St.

[www.oceansharborhouse.org](http://www.oceansharborhouse.org)

**Participants:** 10 maximum

**Team Leader:** Michelle Youngs

**Description:** Ocean's Harbor House provides housing, supportive living programs and advocacy for youth and families who are homeless or in crisis, empowering them to build successful pathways, relationships, and futures. Volunteers will spend time maintaining/enhancing OHH's two locations within Toms River. Location #1 TLP Building 808 Conifer St.: A) Yardwork - trimming/pruning shrubs and trees, sitck and leaf cleanup B) Painting inside - hallway, dining room/kitchen area C) Power washing sidewalk.

**Physical Requirement:** (Indoor and Outdoor)

Lifting, bending and be mindful that you might be volunteering time outdoors painting.

## FACILITY ENHANCEMENTS FOR AT-RISK YOUTH SHELTER

**The Place:** Off Campus

Ocean's Harbor House:

Location #2 Shelter Building 2445 Windsor Ave.

[www.oceansharborhouse.org](http://www.oceansharborhouse.org)

**Participants:** 10 maximum

**Team Leader:** Melanie Parker

**Description:** Ocean's Harbor House provides housing, supportive living programs and advocacy for youth and families who are homeless or in crisis, empowering them to build successful pathways, relationships, and futures. Volunteers will spend time maintaining/enhancing OHH's two locations within Toms River. Location #2 Shelter Building 2445 Windsor Ave.: A) Yard work - trimming/pruning shrubs and trees, sitck and leaf cleanup B) Painting indoor bathrooms.

**Physical Requirement:** (Indoor and Outdoor)

Lifting, bending and be mindful that you might be volunteering time outdoors painting.

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## DESIGNING APRONS FOR OCEAN INC. INSTRUCTORS

**The Place:** On Campus

Ocean County College Student Center (Bldg. 8) 2nd floor  
Ocean Inc., [www.oceaninc.org](http://www.oceaninc.org)

**Participants:** 12 maximum

**Team Leader:** Rosann Bar

**Description:** Ocean Inc. is a community action partnership that serves low to middle-income community members. Volunteers will be given aprons and fabric markers to design art smocks for pre-school teachers to use in their classrooms.

**Physical Requirement:** None (Indoor)

## GEORGE P. VANDERVEER AMERICAN LEGION POST 129

**The Place:** Off Campus

2025 Church Road,  
Toms River, NJ 08753

**Participants:** 20 maximum

**Team Leader:** Bailey Sanders

**Description:** Volunteers will engage in general clean-up activities, both inside and outside of the American Legion Post, including tending to the garden.

**Physical Requirement:** (Indoor and Outdoor)

Lifting, bending and other physical activities involved in clean-up and gardening. Wear appropriate clothing.

## ASSIST WITH LUNCH SERVICE AT JBJ SOUL KITCHEN

**The Place:** Off Campus

JBj Soul Kitchen 1769 Hooper Ave., Toms River, NJ 08753

**Participants:** 5 maximum

**Team Leader:** Kim Dippolito

**Description:** JBj Soul Kitchen is a nonprofit community restaurant established by the Jon Bon Jovi Soul Foundation. They serve paying customers and those in need. If you are unable to pay, they invite you into the restaurant to enjoy a warm meal and learn about volunteering opportunities at JBj Soul Kitchen. If you can donate, they ask that you make a suggested donation and also pay it forward. OCC volunteers will help with lunch prep and service.

**Physical Requirement:** (Indoor) Standing and some lifting. Tie hair back if shoulder length, or longer, and please wear sneakers/no-slip shoes (no heels).



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## SUPPORT THE GIRL SCOUTS!

**The Place:** Off Campus

1405 Old Freehold Rd., Toms River, NJ 08753

**Participants:** 10 maximum

**Team Leader:** Kim Malony

**Description:** We plan to get new picnic tables that can be painted. We will have all the supplies ready.

**Physical Requirement:** (Outdoor) Groundskeeping, picnic tables, raking. Tie hair back if shoulder length, or longer, and please wear sneakers/no-slip shoes (no heels).

## HELP SUPPORT A LOCAL ANIMAL RESCUE

**The Place:** Off Campus

All Fur One Located in: Anchorage Square Plaza,  
1747 Hooper Ave Ste. 11, Toms River, NJ 08753

**Participants:** 6 maximum

**Team Leader:** Kate Mohr

**Description:** All Fur One is a community-based animal rescue and pet adoption center run by volunteers. They strive to reduce the population of homeless pets by forming collaborative partnerships with shelters in underserved areas by offering transportation and then placement of animals in loving homes. They are often rescuing animals who would otherwise not have a chance for a home.

**Physical Requirement:** (Indoor & Outdoor) Cleaning and filling water, etc.. Tie hair back if shoulder length, or longer, and please wear sneakers/no-slip shoes (no heels).

## GLOBAL PEACE MEDITATION AND PRAYER SESSION

**The Place:** On Campus

Ocean County College Conference Center (Bldg. 10)  
Room 109 A/B

**Participants:** 25 maximum

**Team Leader:** Patricia Gianotti

**Description:** Global Peace Meditation and Prayer Session will be a serene and inclusive event designed to promote global peace through mindfulness and prayer. This session will include a review of research on the impact of visualizing world peace, demonstrations of various meditation techniques, and a final period of meditation or silent reflection. This event workshop promises to be a meaningful experience, fostering a spirit of unity and compassion while contributing to the greater good.

**Physical Requirement:** (Indoor)

This session includes meditation and may involve moving around the room.

