

## Project Linus

**1:30 – 3 p.m.** – Help the Linus Blanket project makes knotted blankets for children who stay at Akron Children's Hospital. Simple process – *continued ...* cut and knot fringes on pieces of fleece. Bring scissors if you have them or they will be supplied. **Family Friendly. Volunteers Needed: 20**

### Why Interfaith?

**3 – 4:30 p.m.** – Representatives from five different faiths will discuss why they are involved in interfaith activities. They will answer why it's important for more people to be involved. Finally, they will give ways that individuals can get involved. **Volunteers Needed: 30+**

### Spruce up Grace House

**9 a.m. – noon** – Help us spruce up our property by cleaning the gutters, washing windows, and picking up trash. Grace House will provide work gloves, garbage bags and window cleaning supplies. Please bring ladders for gutter cleaning. **Family Friendly all ages.** Volunteers Needed: 10.

### After Project Dinner

**Set up 3 – 6 p.m. Dinner from 4:30 - 6 p.m.** – After our days of service, a Swenson's Burger dinner with side salads and beverages will be available for all volunteers in the Temple Israel Social Hall. Donations needed of only "pick-up" types of desserts – cookies, brownies, etc.– will be accepted. Need volunteer sides. **Volunteers Needed: 5 +** You may need to stay a bit longer for cleanup.

### Find a Place for Me

#### Contact Art

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To register. Go to:

[www.mitzvahdayakron.com/current-projects](http://www.mitzvahdayakron.com/current-projects)



Past Akron Canton Regional Foodbank Volunteers

## Participating Organizations

### *The Mitzvah Day Partnership in Akron*

We could not perform this day of service in the Akron community without these churches, temples and synagogues and the many volunteers who give their time.

Akron Canton Foodbank  
Akron Children's Hospital  
Akron First Seventh-day Adventist Church  
Akron Interfaith Immigration Advocates  
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church  
Asian Services in Action  
Battered Women's Shelter  
Beth El Congregation  
Brookdale  
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints  
Church of Our Savior  
Deyarmin Foundation  
Faith Lutheran  
First Congregational Church of Akron  
First Congregational Church of Hudson  
Grace House  
Habitat for Humanity  
Haven of Rest  
The House of the Lord  
ICARE Red Oak Behavioral Health  
Islamic Society of Akron & Kent  
Metro Parks (Marcy Park)  
Moms Demand Action  
New Hope Baptist Church  
Open M  
Peninsula United Methodist Church  
Ronald McDonald House  
St. Hilary Church  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Summit County Juvenile Detention Center  
Temple Israel of Akron  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Akron

# Mitzvah Day

JUNE 1 – 2, 2024



Join Akron Area  
Faith Organizations  
in a  
Day of Caring  
For  
The Community



Use the QR code to take  
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## JUNE 1 PROJECTS

### Brookside Bath

**1 – 3 p.m.** – Planting flowers in individual pots for the residents. We will also have a balloon twister for the resident's enjoyment. **Family Friendly – All ages welcome. Volunteers Needed: up to 8.**

### Brown Bag Blessings

**1 – 3 p.m.** Brown Bag Blessings will provide a brown bag lunch or dinner for those at the Haven of Rest. We will meet at New Hope Baptist Church located at 1706 S. Hawkins Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44320 to pack the bags. We will deliver them to the Haven of Rest at 3:00 pm. Please note, we will not serve, we will only do a drop off. This is open to all ages. **Family Friendly. Volunteers Needed: 15.**

### Charades & Snacks

#### Village of St. Edward

**10 – 11:30 a.m.** – Join us for snacks and a game of simple charades with the residents of the Village of St. Edward. Families with children who are willing to act out simple charades are encouraged to sign up. **Family Friendly – all ages. Volunteers Needed: 15**

### Habitat – The ReStore

**9 a.m. – 2 p.m.** – Volunteers will help Restore staff unload items from our Restore trucks and assist customers with their needs. If the weather is nice, we will be outside pulling weeds and picking up trash. Habitat for Humanity of Summit County 18 and older. Location – 2301 Romig Road, Akron. **NOTE: Adults and minors must have signed waivers from the ReStore. Volunteers Needed: 8.**

### Harmony House

**9 a.m. – noon** – Harmony House is an emergency supportive housing program for young people ages 18-24. Harmony House provides emergency housing, transitional housing, rapid rehousing and inclement weather shelter. Harmony House is the only program of its kind in Summit County. This year we will be transforming a basement space into a clean, fresh storage area. **Family Friendly – 15 & up Volunteers Needed: 10.**

## Improvements for Vets in Need

**8:30 a.m. – 3:30p.m.** – External painting of entire home, wheelchair ramp construction (**continued...**) and replacement of kitchen sink. Veteran home sites in Akron and Stow. Lunch and water provided. Bring sunscreen, hat, work gloves, and safety glasses. **15 & up with parents Volunteers Needed: 25.**



*Angels in Blue Jeans help with a repair*

### Loads of Love – Loads of Service

**9 a.m. – 3 p.m.** – Volunteers will provide free laundry service at this outreach ministry that pays for the washer and dryer use of everyone at the laundromat and provides an opportunity for conversations with an extraordinary dentary diverse group of customers, many of whom are from other countries. Volunteers will be guided by a group from Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church who are experienced in conducting this service. **Family Friendly 15 and up. Volunteers Needed: 6.**

### Refugee Resources Revitalization

**10 a.m. – 3 p.m.** – Update and cleanup of the ASIA Inc Building on E Market St. to bring life and appeal to our community partners and our refugee and immigrant friends in Northeast Ohio. We will be painting and cleaning the main entranceways of the building. **Family Friendly – 14 & up Volunteers Needed: 10.**

### Marcy Park Beautification

**9 a.m. – noon** – South Akron is a gun violence prevention project. When parks are maintained, gun violence declines. This is a partnership between local chapter of Moms Demand Action, Akron Parks Collaborative. **Family Friendly 5 and up. Volunteers Needed: 10.**

## JUNE 2 PROJECTS

### Akron-Canton Foodbank

**9 a.m. – 11:30** – Packing and sorting food. **Family Friendly** but limited to age 8 and up. Volunteers Needed: 25

### Battered Women's Shelter

**1 – 4 p.m.** – Battered Women's Shelter – Help keep the Healing Garden beautiful! We will weed, plant and do general garden maintenance. In case of rain, we will tie blankets, fill intake bags or another task inside the building. **Family Friendly. Volunteers Needed: 15. NOTE: Minors must have a waiver signed by a parent or guardian.**

### Cookies for the Community

**9 a.m. – 11 a.m. AND 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.** – **Cookies for the Community** – Two shifts to make dough and bake a variety of cookies for Ronald McDonald House and other community organizations. Kitchen at Temple Israel. **Family Friendly.** Volunteers Needed: 20.

### Dresses with Love

**1 – 4 p.m.** – Bring your sewing machine and sewing tools to St Paul's Episcopal Church of Akron to make pretty sundresses for young girls in need around the globe. A dress kit with all the pieces for each dress will be provided. All levels of experience are needed. **18 and older. Volunteers Needed: 20.**

### Encouragement Cards

**2:30 – 4 p.m.** – All ages are welcome to create encouragement cards for youth in the Summit County Juvenile Detention Facility, many of whom receive no visitors or mail. **Family Friendly 5 and up. Volunteers Needed: 20**

### Mentoring: Pay it Forward

**1 – 2:30 p.m.** – Join Summit County Mentoring Collaborative members: Red Oak Behavioral Health's iC.A.R.E. Mentoring, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Akron Youth Mentorship to hear firsthand from local youth and mentors about the impact mentoring has had in their lives and how you can get involved and pay it forward as a mentor. **Volunteers Needed: 30+ Adult focused but kids are welcome.**