

Dresses with Love

1 – 3 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: 15**

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 – All ages. Volunteers Needed: 10.**

Project Linus

12 – 3 p.m. – Help the Linus Blanket project makes knotted blankets for children who stay at Akron Children's Hospital. Simple process – cut and knot fringes on pieces of fleece. Bring scissors if you have them or they will be supplied. **Family Friendly. Volunteers Needed: 20**

Red Oak Behavioral Health

1 – 3 p.m. – Packing Supplies for Youth Mental Health. Red Oak Behavioral Health delivers mental health and wellness services that empower students and those who support them. Help pack supply totes for our staff to use with clients this summer. Work can be done sitting or standing. **Family Friendly 12 & up. Volunteers Needed: 8.**

After Project Dinner

Set up 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner from 5 - 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. **Volunteers Needed: 5.** You may need to stay a bit longer for cleanup.

Find a Place for Me

Contact Art

volunteer@mitzvahdayakron.com

To register. Go to:

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 Area Interfaith Council – Akron Canton Foodbank
Akron Children's Hospital
Akron First Seventh-day Adventist Church
Akron Interfaith Immigration Advocates
Always Climbing Project – Angels in Blue Jeans
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
Asian Services in Action – Battered Women's Shelter
Beth El Congregation – Brookdale
Church of Our Savior
Cuyahoga Falls Cancer Club – Dare to Love Ministries
Deyarmin Foundation – Faith Lutheran
First Congregational Church of Akron
First Congregational Church of Hudson
Grace House – Habitat for Humanity
Haven of Rest – Harmony House
The House of the Lord
ICARE Red Oak Behavioral Health
Knights of Columbus – New Hope Baptist Church
Open M – Peninsula United Methodist Church
Red Oak Behavioral Health – Ronald McDonald House
Safe Landing – St. Hilary Church
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Silver Maple Ridge / Sponsored by Habitat
Summit County Juvenile Detention Center
Temple Israel of Akron
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
Unitarian Universalist Church of Akron
Village of St. Edward

Mitzvah Day

JUNE 7 – 8, 2025

Mitzvah Day



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JUNE 7 PROJECTS

Akron-Canton Foodbank

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

Support for Newcomer Neighbors Informational Only

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Q&A and listening session on how the current governmental landscape has changed and how it effects our newcomer and international neighbors as well as how to support these communities. Light refreshments provided. *Family Friendly, 13 & up.* **Volunteers Needed: Unlimited depending on registrations.**

Brown Bag Blessings

1 – 2:30 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**

Spring Cleaning at DLM

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – The Dare to Love More Food and Resource Center Spring Cleaning and more! Help us spruce up our facilities by cleaning and disinfecting the kitchen, social hall, folding chairs and tables. Help with sorting clothing, disinfecting shoes and organizing clothing rooms. Weather permitting, a group will go outside to pull weeds and pick up trash in the playground area as well as doing general maintenance, painting and minor repairs of the equipment. DLM will provide work gloves, garbage bags and cleaning supplies. Lunch will be provided!” *Family Friendly – all ages.* **Volunteers Needed: 20**

Habitat – Cleanup

9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Volunteers will help pulling weeds and picking up trash outside of our Habitat facility. If it’s raining, we will be inside doing various things like helping unload trucks and helping in the Restore. **18 and older Volunteers Needed: 5**

Harmony House

9 a.m. – noon – Harmony House is an emergency supportive housing program for young people ages 18-24 working with youth as they navigate the challenging transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Our current project is a beautification of the administration building. We will clean garden beds, plant shrubs, and paint the main doors. Bring work gloves and sunscreen. *Family Friendly. 15 and up.* **Volunteers Needed: 10**

Knights of Columbus & Angels in Blue Jeans

8:30 a.m. – 3:30p.m. – Deck and Fence repair and painting at three different sites (Tallmadge, Cuyahoga Falls, Akron). Clients include veteran, cancer patient and others in need. Water provided. Bring sunscreen, hat, work gloves, and safety glasses. *Family Friendly – 13 and up with parent.* **Volunteers Needed: 25.**



Angels in Blue Jeans help with a repair

Safe Landing for Boys

11 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Safe Landing Youth Shelter for Boys provides short-term residential care to youth ages 11-17. Volunteers will engage with the boys in an afternoon of sports, games, and/or crafts after hosting a picnic. Volunteers will coordinate the week prior about what to bring for the picnic and the recreational activities. **18 and older Volunteers: 8**

Silver Maple Ridge Serve and Support

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. – We will be cleaning the lot, picking up trash while providing support and encouragement to site supervisors and their building volunteers. Grilled hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided. *Family Friendly 18 and up.* **Volunteers Needed: 5.**

JUNE 8 PROJECTS

Always Climbing Panel How to Cope with Violence

3:30 – 5 p.m. – High school students from *Always Climbing Project* will lead a powerful and timely discussion focused on violence, youth violence and policing. The 90-minute session will begin with a 45-minute student-led panel, guided by Bryce Harris, the executive director of Always Climbing. Teens will share personal insights, experiences, and perspectives. The second half will transition into roundtable discussions, panelists and audience members will participate in small groups to dive deeper into the conversation, answer questions and explore actionable ideas for change in their communities. *Sponsored by the Akron Area Interfaith Council.* *Family Friendly.* **Attendess Needed: 100+**

We invite all those who participated in Mitzvah projects on Saturday and Sunday to join this discussion. Come any time between 3:30 and 5:00 and then stay for dinner.

Battered Women’s Shelter

12 – 3 p.m. – Battered Women’s Shelter – Help us clean and organize to keep the shelter a beautiful and welcoming space. *Family Friendly – 15 and up.* **Volunteers Needed: 10.**

Cookies for the Community

9 – 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 at the Temple kitchen. *Family Friendly.* **Volunteers Needed: 20.**