2026 Group Volunteer Opportunities

January:

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-Senior Brunch Club set up, serving, and clean-up *second Thursday of the month *up to 6 volunteers
Yard clean-up for 2 CRC senior clients in 43224, 43202, or 43214
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-Seasonal weather gear collection: think rain ponchos, socks, sunscreen
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-Mother's Day Gift drive for our young pantry clients to treat their mom or guardian: think simple 3 pack lip care, face masks, cuticle cream, handmade cards, small body spray
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May:
-Yard clean-up for 2 CRC senior clients in 43224, 43202, or 43214
-Third Thursday set up, ticket sales, beer serving (must be 21), or clean up
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-Spruce up around the exterior of our pantry and admin building prior to May 15th.
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-School Supply Drive: think clean backpacks, new socks and underwear ages 4-18, lined notebooks, sharpened pencils, 3 prong folders with pockets, clean Trapper Keepers, calculators, pencil pouches, post-it notes, highlighters, deodorant, body soap, clean water bottle.
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-Pumpkin Patch volunteer support. Date TBD, likely October 17th or October 24th
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November:
-Yard clean up for 2 CRC senior clients in 43224, 43202, or 43214 please provide yard bags. CRC can provide 2 rakes to borrow
-Senior Brunch Club set up, serving, and clean-up *second Thursday of the month **up to 6 volunteers
-Thanksgiving food drive (delivered to pantry by November 19) think cornbread, green beans, cranberry sauce, stuffing, jarred gravy, boxed mashed potatoes, bouillon, cream of XYZ soups, evaporated milk, boxed jello pudding. *It's faster for volunteers to sort and distribute if your group hones in on 1-3 items and GO BIG on recruiting donations.
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-Cranksgiving volunteer support. Date TBD, likely November 7th or 14th. Mid morning-early afternoon
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December:
-Holiday meal food drive (delivered to pantry by December 18th) think cornbread, green beans, cranberry sauce, jarred gravy, boxed mashed potatoes, bouillon, cream of XYZ soups, evaporated milk, boxed jello pudding. *It's faster for volunteers to sort and distribute if your group hones in on 1-3 items and GO BIG on recruiting donations.
-Holiday toy drive or gift sponsorship delivered to admin building by December 7th. We always need $10 gift cards to fast food and grocery stores as well as easy gifts like personal care, candles, lotions, desk supplies, cold weather gear.
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