

Here are some ways you and your family can get involved and help our community!

The Packaged Good On a mission to instill in children the desire to give back while inspiring the next generation of giving, The Packaged Good provides a fun, inspirational environment where kids and community groups can decorate and personalize care packages and create craft projects for people in need. Whether it's giving to our armed forces, the elderly, the homeless or hospitalized kids, The Packaged Good partners with vetted, reputable non-profit organizations to allow volunteers the ability to support causes closest to their hearts while handling all of the logistics.

<http://www.thepackagedgood.org>

Hand On Atlanta Hands On Atlanta helps individuals, families, corporate and community groups strengthen Greater Atlanta through service at more than 400 nonprofit organizations and schools. This is a great place to find the perfect volunteer project for you and your family.

http://www.handsonatlanta.org/HOC_Affiliate_Home_Page

Backpack Blessings Backpack Blessings has partnered with an elementary school in Cobb County that identifies children who qualify for the federal Free and Reduced Price Meal Program and many have little to no food on the weekends. The Backpack Blessings program provides chronically hungry children with food to take home over the weekend. Backpacks are stocked with nutritious, childfriendly, and easy-to-prepare food. They need volunteers to provide financial resources, help stock shelves, pack back packs, and transport backpacks to the school.

<http://backpackblessings.org>

Meals on Wheels Atlanta Help deliver senior meals around Cobb County
<http://www.mealsonwheelsatlanta.org/Volunteer/Opportunities>

CURE Childhood Cancer Lots of hands-on ways for your family to help a child battling cancer, such as cooking meals, making “Boredom Buster” bags, assembling toiletry bags, and participating in Lauren’s Run, a Run/Walk fundraiser
<http://curechildhoodcancer.org/participate/volunteer-opprtunities/>

Atlanta Community Food Bank Opportunities include serving food and offering basic needs for families
<http://acfb.org/volunteer>

St. B’s Church Outreach Get involved in the many church outreach opportunities
<http://www.mysaintb.org/missionandoutreach>

Loaves and Fishes Help serve food at the community kitchen at the Elizabeth Inn in Marietta
<http://www.mustministries.org/pages/4.-locations/elizabeth-inn-location#.WCzUqXeZMWI>

Must Ministries -- For more than 40 years, MUST has established itself as a servant leader caring for those in need in the Marietta, Smyrna and Canton/Cherokee county communities. They are always in need of financial and material donations. Click here to see how you can help:
http://www.mustministries.org/pages/6.-donate/donation_needs#.V7X3DmWatEc

Ronald McDonald House Charities -- Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Charities provides a home away from home for families of sick and injured children receiving care at local hospitals. There are two houses in Atlanta, one near Egleston and one near Scottish Rite. They depend on volunteers for much of their support. There are many ways to help, both financially and by volunteering at the houses themselves. You can host a game night, provide dinner for the families staying there, or donate items on their wish list. Click here to see how you and your family can get involved:

<https://armhc.org/how-you-can-help/>

Simple Needs GA – While most agencies focus on the basic needs of food, clothing, shelter and job training for the vulnerable, Simple Needs GA seeks to “fill in the cracks” by meeting other unmet, but important, needs. They focus on simple acts such as bringing a tent to a person living in the woods, or providing birthday gifts to a homeless child, or providing school uniforms that parents struggle to afford. The organization helps connect people in need with the services that can improve their lives. Click here to see how you can help:

<https://simpleneedsgablog.com>

Support the Military:

United Heroes League -- They collect sporting goods to donate to the kids of military service members.

<https://unitedheroesleague.org>

Books for Soldiers -- Donate books, CDs, & DVDs to soldiers

<http://booksforsoldiers.com>

Adopt a Soldier -- Adopt a soldier and write letters to him/her and/or send care packages.

<http://www.adoptaussoldier.org>

USO – The USO has many opportunities to support the military.

Here is one that encourages sending holiday care packages.
<https://www.uso.org/programs/holiday-care-packages>

A Million Thanks – Write thank you letters to troops
<http://www.amillionthanks.org/index.asp>

Operation Paperback – Another organization that donates books to soldiers
<http://www.operationpaperback.org>

Soldiers Angels – Adopt a military family with a service member overseas for Christmas
<http://soldiersangels.org/Adopt-A-Family.html>

Other Easy, Free (or Cheap) Ways to Help:

Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House – Collect the “pop tops” from aluminum cans of any kids (soda, sparkling water, beer, canned vegetables, etc.) and donate them to the Ronald McDonald House. They recycle the metal and use 100% of the proceeds to provide services to the families staying at the houses.

<https://armhc.org/pop-tab-program/>

Charity Miles App – If you walk, run, or bike (inside or outside), download the Charity Miles app. The app will keep track of your time and mileage and donate to the charity of your choice (from a selected list of 37 charities) based on how far you’ve gone.

<http://www.charitymiles.org>

The Hunger Site – Make this your homepage on your browser and click every day on the Hunger Site and their sister sites. Shopping on their sites also benefits the charities.

<http://thehungersite.greatergood.com/clickToGive/th/home>

Blessings Bags – Work together as a family to make Blessings

Bags and pass them out to the needy you see in our area.
Here are some ideas for how to make them:

<http://strongluv.com/blessing-bags-backpack-homeless-checklist/>

If you have other ideas or ways to encourage
community service, feel free to contact us!

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