

## Philadelphia Rotary Club – COVID-19 Service Opportunities

In these unprecedented times when we ‘remain in place’, with a full pantry and a comfortable place to be, we appreciate those who have the ability to be on the front lines, helping those less fortunate than us. If you are looking for ways to help those in our community, please consider the following:

### Philadelphia-based:

#### ProjectHome



Carrie Rickey  
@CarrieRickey

Hey, Philly: @ProjectHOME needs:  
Bottled water, New blankets. Surgical masks, Clorox  
wipes and disinfectant spray, Body wipes, Soap. Lotion.  
Shampoo, Deodorant, Travel-size tissues, Travel-size  
band-aids.  
Drop between 9 AM and 5 PM Monday through  
Saturday at 1515 Fairmount Avenue

6:25 PM · Mar 20, 2020 · [Twitter Web App](#)

#### Manna – Card making project

Manna likes to include greeting cards in with the meals they deliver to folks. It brightens their day and lets folks know that people are thinking of them. If you'd like to make a couple of cards, the recipients of the meal packages would be forever grateful. Here are some basic guidelines:

Cards can be any size up to a 8.5 x 11 standard sheet of paper. Most people just fold a piece of paper in half and decorate. Some use cardstock, construction paper, or blank greeting cards. Messages of hope are what we look for. For example:

- Get well soon
- I hope you enjoy your meals
- We're thinking of you
- Hope you have a great day

Please avoid using language that specifies illness or disease state.

For those of you with a printer, I've attached our Rotary logo. It would be great to use the logo in your cards. But if you don't have access to a printer, please sign off your cards including The Rotary Club of Philadelphia in your greeting. *P.S. If anyone is interested in **doing another shift AT MANNA**, please let me know and I will coordinate it.*

## **Career Wardrobe Launches [OutFIT for Work Fund](#) to help people impacted by COVID19**

The Wardrobe doors may be closed now, but when they open again, anyone who has lost their job or been forced to go weeks without a paycheck will be welcome to come in for an outfit to help them – and their families – get back on their feet.

Someone who lost their job or paycheck during this time will need more than clothing. They will need personalized support to guide them on their journey back to work. And the boost in self-confidence that comes from being dressed up and ready to face the world again.

Please consider helping us meet our OutFIT for Work challenge:

- If you are working remotely during this time, consider donating \$50 to outfit someone who doesn't have the job security you do .
- For every \$50 we raise, another person will receive everything they need - shoes, accessories, clothing, and confidence - to find a new job and begin rebuilding.
- Share our campaign with your work from home colleagues, create your own fundraising page, share your work from home selfie, and get #outFITforWork trending!
- Clean out your closets and save the best pieces for us. Consider adding \$50 to the bag so we can outfit more people in need. We will reopen soon!

## **COVID-19 Donations to First Responders**

- [Caterer in West Philadelphia provides free meals to local hospitals on front line of coronavirus fight](#)  
*How to donate:* Contact the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Catering by phone: 215-386-8595 or email: [INFO@12STCATERING.COM](mailto:INFO@12STCATERING.COM)
- [These Organizations Are Feeding Healthcare Workers and First Responders Across the Country](#)  
A list of organizations and restaurants across the country that are making meals available to first responders. Includes details on how you can donate.

## **Habitat For Humanity**

One of their core values is stick-to-it-iveness. While we may not be able to work alongside one another in a literal sense during this time of social distancing, we do invite you to build with Habitat virtually!

### *Building Hope Virtual Lunch-In*

Thursday, May 7, 2020

12:00pm - 12:45

Register [here](#)

*We can register as a team, so let me know if you're interested and we'll do that.* Each team captain will receive a unique registration link so that they can keep track of their family members and friends that have registered. The Table Captain who registers the most guests will win lunch with CEO Corinne O'Connell. Watch a [streamed message](#) from Habitat's Philadelphia CEO, Corinne O'Connell

## [We Vote](#)

WeVote is an initiative to promote a culture of voting in businesses, organizations and communities in the region. The [WeVote app](#) is a one stop shop to learn about the candidates and your voting rights and responsibilities, act on Election Day by voting or volunteering and share events you plan to attend and materials you have read. WeVote engages voters and helps organizations complete initiatives by sharing information as well as reminding users of important events, deadlines and volunteer opportunities.

## [Translators without Borders](#)

TWB's [global response to COVID-19](#) – People urgently need access to accurate information in a language and format they understand to make well-informed decisions during this pandemic.

We are using language to help people access health-related information in the following ways:

- *Translation:* We are working with partners to translate critical public-facing content in languages and formats that people understand. We are providing translation support in over 20 language pairs, focused predominantly on Asian languages. We will add to that list as the situation evolves.
- *Language data and mapping:* In order to provide easily-understood information, organizations need to know which languages people speak and understand, and where. We are developing maps that visualize languages and literacy levels in affected countries, as a better basis for planning COVID-19 communications.
- *Social media monitoring:* This pandemic is not only a crisis of health, it is also a crisis of misinformation. To help stop the spread of rumors and inaccurate information, we are monitoring COVID-19-related social media conversations in multiple languages. This will help public health experts better combat misinformation.
- *Terminology:* We are identifying key terminology that people use to talk about COVID-19 as well as commonly-used technical terms. We will use this to develop a multilingual, plain-language glossary that can support public information efforts.

## **Regional/Global opportunities not directly related to COVID-19:**

### [Be My Eyes](#)

Be My Eyes is a free app that connects blind and low-vision people with sighted volunteers and company representatives for visual assistance through a live video call. Since its launch in January 2015, more than 2,000,000 volunteers have signed up to assist blind and low-vision users. Be My Eyes users can request assistance in over 180 languages making the app the biggest online community for blind and low-vision people as well as one of the largest micro-volunteering platforms in the world!

### [Chemo Angels](#)

The Chemo Angels program offers support to those who find themselves in the most challenging situation of their lives – battling a cancer diagnosis and undergoing IV chemotherapy or intensive immunotherapy treatment.

Volunteers support their “buddy” throughout their journey with cards, uplifting messages, supportive words and lots of positive energy. The encouragement our Angels provide helps give patients the comfort and confidence of knowing they are not alone in their fight.

There are [three categories](#) of volunteers:

- *Traditional Chemo Angel* – you will be assigned to a patient who you will encourage through small gifts, cards, letters, uplifting notes for the duration of their treatment. A recent poll shows 75% of our Traditional Chemo Angels spend \$50 or less a month on their patient.
- *Card Angel* – you will send your assigned patient at least one card, letter, or note a week, and perhaps a small gift every now and then, but gifts are not required for Card Angels. Being a Card Angel is a great option for volunteers with limited budgets.
- *Prayer Angel* – always on call for the prayer needs of both our recipients and our volunteers.

### [Smithsonian Digital Volunteers](#)

The Smithsonian Transcription Center seeks to engage the public in making our collections more accessible. Become a Smithsonian Digital Volunteer and help make historical documents and biodiversity data more accessible. Join 15,409 "volunpeers" to add more to the total 519,597 pages of field notes, diaries, ledgers, logbooks, currency proof sheets, photo albums, manuscripts, biodiversity specimens labels that have been collaboratively transcribed and reviewed since June 2013.

The Transcription Center is managed by staff in the Smithsonian's Office of the Chief Information Officer, but is the result of ongoing collaborations between digital volunpeers and Smithsonian librarians, archivists, and museum staff who have contributed subject matter expertise, technical solutions, ideas & feedback, content and design, and much much more.

### [Zooniverse – People-powered research](#)

Discover, teach, and learn. The Zooniverse enables everyone to take part in real cutting edge research in many fields across the sciences, humanities, and more. The Zooniverse creates opportunities for you to unlock answers and contribute to real discoveries.

Zooniverse gives people of all ages and backgrounds the to participate in real research with over 50 active online science projects. Work with 1.6 million registered users the world to contribute to research projects led by hundreds of researchers.

Don't forget, once we get out our of Remain in Place quarantine, we'll continue our collection of toiletries for Salvation Army's [New Day Drop In Center](#).



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