

Samaritan | VOLUNTEER



Service Projects *For Individuals, Groups, Clubs*

You can work on a project independently or we can do it together!

Samaritan's Coordinators are available for club meetings, to talk about Samaritan and why the projects are so meaningful, and participate in projects, if desired.

Toiletry Collection Drive

Toiletries are needed to help us care for our patients who cannot afford to purchase their own: new shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, shavers, deodorant, body spray, lotion, washcloths, combs, barrettes, bobby pins, socks. Travel and regular sizes are ok — no club sizes please.

Journals for Grieving Teens and Adults

Help our patients and families express their feelings. Decorate the cover of NEW plain journals with scrapbook paper, sequins, buttons, stickers, glitter glue, etc. NO words please.

Birthday Party Kits — for Adult Patients

Help our patients have a Happy Birthday!!! Run a collection drive and donate items or decorate and fill bags or shoe boxes with birthday party supplies like:

birthday pins, party hats or tiaras, horns, banners, small plates, napkins, small gifts: beaded and novelty necklaces, small bags of hard candy, puzzle books, note pads, sketch pads, journal books, pencils, pens, lotions, etc. **NO CANDLES.** Please include at least 5 items in each kit. **These kits are for adults, so please, no children's toys.**

TLC Gifts for Caregivers/ Patients

We all need a little TLC! Run a drive to collect or purchase NEW items such as crossword/word-search/activity books, jigsaw puzzles, pens, pencils, bookmarks, fun sticky pads, mini dry erase boards with markers, small domino sets, stress ball, tea, candy, snacks, cookies, scented lotions, lip balm, scented bath salts, non-slip or fuzzy socks, puzzle books, pens/pencils, CDs or soothing instrumental music, small photo

albums, journals, stress balls, etc. **NO CANDLES.** Include all of these in your drive or select certain items. Donate the items as collected or create themed gift bags.

Beads for Education Party — A Party with a Purpose!

Sell handmade, recycled paper bead jewelry and other handmade items to family, friends, neighbors, or at school or community events. 100% of your proceeds supports Samaritan's "sister" hospice Kawempe Home Care in Kampala, Uganda by providing children of their patients the opportunity to better their lives through education. Bead jewelry is handmade from colorful recycled paper, cut into triangles, tightly rolled, and glued to form beads. Every piece is unique. We will provide you with everything you need to have a wonderful party that will make a world of difference!

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Some ideas to help you get started...

Fundraiser Ideas

- **Place a donation box** at another event already happening
- **Bake, Pretzel, Bagel, Candy Sales, etc.** — Set up at school or community events
- **Car Wash/Dog Wash** — Set up in a high traffic area, advertise with flyers
- **Face Painting Services** — Research community and school events and offer services for a donation or fee
- **Day of “Change”** — Designate a day or week and ask for donations of loose change
- **Play music** in a high-traffic area and request donations
- **Restaurant Nights** with friends and family
- **Painting Events** — e.g. Painting with a Twist — Part of your party’s payment is donated to your cause

“Thons”

- **Play Video or Board Games** — Request pledges for number of hours you play
- **Read** — Sponsors pledge an amount per book or per page
- **Fitness Pledges:** Skating — Per hour or lap, Swimming — Per lap, Running/Walking — Per mile, etc.

“Cheer Up” Projects

- **Clay Hearts** — Make marbled-color clay hearts for our staff to present to our families when their loved one passes. NOTE: we provide specific instructions and supply list.
- **Holiday Crafts**
- **Blank journals** with decorated covers (NO words/phrases)
- **Notecard Sets** — Decorate blank cards/card stock for our families to use – do not include your own message
- **Dementia Activity Shakers** — Fill empty tennis ball cans (with labels removed) with colorful items such as: feathers, pompoms, glitter, jingle bells, small balls/toys, etc. SEAL the can lid with decorative duct tape. Many patients with dementia enjoy the sensory activity of shaking the can to see and hear the items moving about.
- **Poetry Books** — Bind together short poems and inspirational quotes. Add clip art, stickers, photos, etc.
- **Silk Flower Crafts** — Corsages, decorated pens, small potted arrangements
- **Wreaths**
- **Pillows** — Hand-tie or sew
- **Lap Blankets** — Quilt, crochet, knit, fleece, tied
- **For Veterans** — Flag pins, carnation boutonnieres, letters/cards, or any above item decorated patriotically

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