

St. Gregory the Great Catholic School Stewardship - Approved Organizations

Parish Opportunities -The school will host monthly liturgies, along with other events at Church that students will be asked to volunteer for. These opportunities will be facilitated by the school but students are welcome to volunteer at the parish outside of these events.

- Altar Serving
- Lectors/Readers/Ushers
- Choir
- Donuts
- Ministry events

Community opportunities – These are approved organizations. for volunteering, if your students would like to use other organizations, they will need pre-approval

Lions Heart Volunteer

[Volunteer Opportunities for Teens \(lionsheartservice.org\)](http://lionsheartservice.org)

Helen Woodward Animal Center - www.animalcenter.org

- Students can earn ten hours of community service by attending a camp held during the summer.
- Students can sponsor an AniMeals Pet Food Drive.

Habitat for Humanity -

<http://www.sdhfh.org/Volunteer/INewVolunteerStartHere/Youth16andYounger.aspx>

- Students (ages 12 and up) can volunteer at Habitat's Restores, located in Mission Valley and Escondido. A parent or guardian is required to volunteer with any volunteer under age 15.
 - For those 12 and under, there are other options available:
 - Writing thank-you cards
 - Bringing snacks or drinks to job sites
 - Organizing a fundraising activity

Friends of Cats - www.friendsofcats.org

- Students under age 14 would need a parent or guardian to accompany them to this organization.

Catholic Charities - www.ccdsd.org

- There are many different opportunities available to junior high students - from holding a cell phone collection drive to working in the Catholic Charities' Christmas Store as a Personal Shopper. See the website for detailed information.

Red Cross of San Diego - <http://www.redcross.org/local/california/san-diego/volunteer>

- Students can make holiday cards for service members and veterans for the Holiday Mail for Heroes campaign.
- Students can host a gift drive for a veteran's hospital.
- Students can participate in the Totes of Hope program for homeless veterans. This involves packing backpacks of personal care items and writing a note of thanks.

A Warm Hug Foundation - <http://www.awarmhugfoundation.com/>

- This is a local nonprofit dedicated to collecting warm blankets and clothes for those in need. Students can hold a drive to collect blankets/clothes and/or help the organization with distribution.

Father Joe's Villages/St. Vincent de Paul - www.svdpv.org

- Students can help serve breakfast, lunch, or dinner to San Diego's homeless. Volunteers under 15 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Students can hold a donation drive.

Surfrider Foundation/San Diego Coast Keeper - www.sdcoastkeeper.org

- The Surfrider Foundation holds beach cleanups at various locations around San Diego. Check the calendar at the link above. (Go to the above website - click ACT - choose BEACH CLEANUPS from the pull down menu to find the 2016 calendar)

San Diego Food Bank - <http://sandiegofoodbank.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

- All minors 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult - one adult can supervise up to 4 children.

San Diego Humane Society - <http://www.sdhumane.org/what-we-do/programs/youth-programs/youth-service-day/>

- Students can participate in "Pawsitive Service" through the San Diego Humane Society. Click the link above for more info. Students will then need to email edu@sdhumane.org to request a packet of information explaining how they can help.

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- Students can complete stewardship hours at school and/or school events.
 - o Fall Festival
 - o Pasta Festa dinners
 - o The Gala
 - o Classroom helpers (outside the school day)
 - o Email volunteer@stggcs.org for more opportunities

Charity Walks/Runs

- Students can participate in charity runs around San Diego.
 - o Finish Chelsea's Run/Chelsea's Light Foundation
 - o Race for Autism
 - o Fr. Joe's Villages Thanksgiving Day 5K
 - o Walk to End Alzheimer's

***If students would like to complete a service project or work with a service organization that is not on the above list, students need to obtain PRIOR approval from the homeroom teacher. No parent signatures will be accepted on the Stewardship Service form.**