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Summer Service Project

WHAT IS THE ARCHDIOCESAN SUMMER SERVICE PROJECT?

On Saturday, August 10th, parishes from around the Archdiocese of Seattle will take part in a diocesan-wide service project with their middle school and high school youth groups! You can participate too – right at your local parish!

TOOL KIT: Use this planning sheet to organize your local activities – the tool kit questions are designed for middle school and high school students to participate in the planning stages. This project, and the tasks in this tool kit are designed for the assembly of care bags to benefit the unhoused.

EXAMPLE ORGANIZATION: If the Everett area is accessible to you, we encourage you to deliver your group's care bags to [MercyWatch](#), a Catholic mission serving marginalized men, women and children living on the streets in Snohomish County. See the last page of this tool kit for more information about MercyWatch, as well as a good list of items needed for care bags. If you are not in the Everett area, you can use this Tool Kit for planning – just deliver your group's care bags to an organization closer to home!

ACTION ITEMS - JULY:

Youth Minister: Begin planning – if you are able to call a group of students together this month to help plan, include the following questions in your discussion:

- Is there a space available on Saturday, August 10th where our youth group can gather to assemble care bags? (If not, you can still consider conducting the service project on another day) What time should the Summer Service Project take place?
- What is our goal? How many Care Bags would we like to make?
- What roles are needed? (collecting supplies, marketing/communication, assembly of Care Bags, Delivery to MercyWatch or another organization...)

- How will we purchase/collect all of the items needed? (ex. will we raise funds with a car wash or bake sale to purchase items? Should we ask for donations? Should we set up an Amazon Wish List, or a Sign-up Genius asking people to bring items?)
- Who can we recruit/involve to help?
- How will we raise awareness for this project? (ex. Bulletin announcements, emails, social media posts...)
- How can we effectively communicate the need of those who will benefit from the Care Bags?
- How can we invite others in our community to participate?

ACTION ITEMS - AUGUST:

Make arrangements leading to the August 10th event!

- Procure gallon-sized Ziploc bags and all of the Care Bag supplies (see the suggested list in the MercyWatch handout below)
- Confirm assembly time, location, other details – make sure everyone knows when to come and where to go!
- Arrange delivery – PLEASE NOTE! Contact the organization before delivering items! For MercyWatch, email mercywatcheverett@gmail.com.
- Let us know if you have any questions – email Kimberly Abadir, Director of Youth Ministry Services at Kimberly.abadir@seattlearch.org

Please let us know what you did and how it went!

Email Kimberly.abadir@seattlearch.org with pictures and share a little about your Summer Service Project!



Fact Sheet

mercywatch.org

MISSION: to serve the marginalized and outcasts; men, women and children living on the streets in Snohomish County.

- We do this with street medicine and homeless outreach.
- Our mission is to sow new life, hope and peace

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Items most needed by unhoused clients are put together in gallon-sized Ziploc bags called **Survival Kits**. These are the items most needed:

- Toothpaste (*travel size*)
- Toothbrushes
- Stick Deodorant (*travel size*)
- Kleenex (*multiple in package*)
- Combs (*multiple in package*)
- Disposable Razors (*multiple in package*)
- Small Shaving Cream (*travel size*)
- Shampoo (*travel size*)
- Hair conditioner (*travel size*)
- Hand Lotion (*travel size*)
- Band-Aids
- Antibiotic ointment
- Q Tips
- Chapstick (multiple in package)
- Granola Bars
- Hand warmers
- Baby wipes

DROP OFF: Bridge to Hope Center (Our Lady of Hope): 2619 Cedar St., Everett.

Please call/email to make sure someone will be there:
425-330-2211 / mercywatcheverett@gmail.com