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Serviam Opportunities for Alumnae

Serviam, Latin for “I will serve” is the motto of Ursuline Schools around the world. This year, Ursuline Wilmington is collaborating with Ursuline Dallas for International Serviam Day. Celebrated on the first Saturday in May, Ursuline Dallas alums from all over the world are encouraged to do service on that day. This year, International Serviam Day is Saturday, May 2, 2020. With the shelter in place orders, we are joining forces from afar to make a bigger impact.

While service can be practiced every day, we would love for our Alumnae to seek out and share their service projects with us. Making masks? Working at the food bank? Delivering meals? Buying your neighbor’s or family member’s groceries? We want to know what you are doing!

To help, our Campus Minister, Michelle Hogan, has created a list of way that you can serve your community from the shelter of your homes.

Non-Perishable Food Drive (for upstate DE residents)

Join Mr. Perregrino in collecting non-perishable foods for delivery to the Newark Food Bank of Delaware and the Corpus Christi Food Pantry. Patterned after the United States Postal Service's "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive each May, teachers and Ursuline volunteers will cover zip codes throughout Delaware and pick up your box or bag of non-perishable food donations. Simply [the food drive sign up link to schedule your pick up](#) on **Saturday, May 2nd from 11 am to 1pm.**

Items collected in and around Newark will be delivered to the Food Bank of Delaware, and items in and around Wilmington will be taken to the Corpus Christi Food Pantry. Both organizations have seen a large increase in the number of families and individuals needing assistance. Thank you for your generosity!

SOOTHears

Healthcare professionals at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) are in need of cotton headbands [with buttons sewn on opposite ends](#) in order to prevent the irritation that is caused by extended wear of protective face masks. Headbands can be new or even those that are on hand at home (please be sure to launder them before donating). Include a note of thanks or encouragement with each finished headband. Please email **Erin McNichol** at

Emcnichol@ursuline.org when you have completed headbands, and she will arrange to get them from you.

Emmanuel Dining Room

Emmanuel Dining Room (EDR) serves over 500 meals every day to the hungry at three sites in Wilmington and New Castle, Delaware. Because of Covid-19, EDR's costs to run their dining rooms have skyrocketed, and the numbers of those who are homeless and poor have increased. To assist in feeding those who are hungry, the following items can be donated:

- Individually wrapped peanut butter and jelly sandwiches (Please ensure that all those involved in the preparation of sandwiches wash their hands for at least 30 seconds)
- Pre-packaged snacks
- Water bottles
- Snack-sized applesauce or canned fruit
- All beef hotdogs
- Hot dog buns
- Bags of apples, carrots, and/or potatoes
- 3-compartment Styrofoam hinged to-go containers
- Plastic utensils

Items may be dropped off directly at Emmanuel Dining Room West, 121 North Jackson Street, Wilmington, any day between the hours of 7:30 am and 2:30 pm OR at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 2503 Centerville Road, Wilmington, Delaware between 8 am and 9:30 am on Saturdays through the end of Governor Carney's Stay-at-Home Order. Donations may also be dropped off between 8 am and 2 pm daily at Emmanuel Dining West, 121 North Jackson Street, Wilmington. Please note that, due to the driving restrictions for those who live outside of Delaware, only Delaware residents may drop off items. Visit www.ministryofcaring.org for more information.

Outreach to members of Newark Senior Center

Write notes and draw pictures to brighten someone's day. Deliveries can be either mailed or emailed to Carla Grygiel, Executive Director, Newark Senior Center, 200 Whitechapel Drive, Newark, DE 19713 or to cgrygiel@newarkseniorcenter.com. Cards, letters, and pictures will be given to members who receive Meals on Wheels deliveries and to those who use the transportation program or who are early memory loss participants.

Outreach to neighbors

Reach out to your neighbors to spread good cheer or to provide meals and necessities to those who are unable to leave their homes. Promote fun ways to engage your neighbors with such things as scavenger hunts or chalk messages left on sidewalks, or even decorate your door in a stained-glass pattern to show your faith. The ideas are limitless!

Signs of support to essential workers

Show signs of support to all those who risk exposure to illness each day they go to work, those who are working in healthcare, food service, delivery, grocery stores, sanitation, and all of the essential businesses that are operating during this crisis. Make cards, decorate your door with a display of thanks, or consider other ways you can show your appreciation. Messages to healthcare professionals can be emailed to **Michelle Hogan** at mhogan@ursuline.org for distribution to Christiana Care.

Reach out to homebound members of your church

Contact your pastor and offer to make phone calls on behalf of your church to those who do not have access to the internet. Assure members of your church that they are in the prayers of others and that any of their prayer intentions or special needs will be referred to your pastor.

