

May 6th –First Annual Volunteer Day of Service

We welcome all parishioners to participate in our first ever St. Bart's Day of Service! This is a collaborative way of expanding our outreach and generating interest and momentum for serving our communities via local organizations. Many members of St. Bart's already volunteer their time by working with organizations like Friendship House and St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry. Some of us hear about these things, but don't know how or when to get involved, or admittedly, we might be nervous about volunteering on our own without **knowing** anyone. The Day of Service is a specific day designed to help address those concerns and bridge that gap.

All you have to do is choose which of the 4 organizations you'd like to volunteer with for the day and sign up to attend. If transportation is a challenge, we can help organize carpools since a whole group of St. Bart's folks will be volunteering together at each location. This year's Day of Service is set for Saturday, May 6th. The times for volunteering vary based on location (see details below). At 2:00 pm, all participants are invited to come back to St. Bart's for casual fellowship and sharing about their volunteer experience (there will be snacks!).

Leading up to the Day of Service, a representative from each organization will come to separate Sunday services in March to share with the parish more about what their group is and does and what volunteering will look like. We hope you will join us! This event is brought to you by a joint effort of the Outreach Committee and Youth Education Committee. To sign up or if you have questions, please contact Catherine Richards (cmrolney@comcast.net) or Pal Covie (palcovie@gmail.com). **You are also encouraged to sign up on the sheets in the narthex at church** (they will be updated regularly with online sign-ups to ensure headcount accuracy).

Organizations

1. **Growing to Give, Brunswick - St. Bart's contacts: Carol Hayes and Harriet Davis. All ages, up to 30 volunteers, shift: 11am-1pm**
2. **Partners for World Health, Portland - St. Bart's contact: Catherine Richards. Over 15 years old, 10-20 volunteers, shift: 9am-12pm**
3. **Furniture Friends, Westbrook - St. Bart's contact: Peter Sillin. Time TBD. We would love a few groups of 2-4 volunteers (age 13+), and each group would ideally have a truck (let us know if you have a truck that can be used - not a requirement to participate)! You must be able to lift heavy objects/furniture also.**
4. **Maine Needs, Portland - St. Bart's contact: Pal Covie. All ages, 12 volunteers, shift: 9am-12pm**