

# 2023 HOLIDAY SERVING OPPORTUNITIES IN DANE COUNTY

## CENTRO HISPANO OF DANE COUNTY

Centro Hispano of Dane County (Centro) is the largest non-profit organization in Dane County supporting the Latinx community. Centro provides invaluable services, resources, and programs that enhance the lives of children and families while providing a bridge to greater Madison and Dane County to engage with the Latinx community.

### Opportunities:

- **TRES REYES CELEBRATION:** Donate toys for The Tres Reyes Celebration, their annual and long-standing tradition that usually brings 400+ children and their families to Centro for a community celebration. Find more information [here](#)
- **VOLUNTEER FOR TRES REYES EVENT PREPARATION:** Participate by helping with setup or managing the logistics before, during, and after the celebrations. Other community activities of the Tres Reyes include preparing hot chocolate, cleaning, labeling the gifts, delivering the toys, and organizing kids' activities. The event is happening in Jan 2024. To volunteer, contact Karime Perez at [Karime@micentro.org](mailto:Karime@micentro.org)

## MADISON READING PROJECT

Madison Reading Project connects our community with free books and literacy resources that ignite a love for reading and affirm and reflect the diversity of young readers.

### Opportunity:

- **FREE LITTLE LIBRARY BOOK DELIVERY:** Help deliver books out into the community by helping distribute and stock our network Little Free Libraries throughout the Madison area. This is a monthly opportunity. For more information, visit [here](#)

## THE VILLAGE DIAPER BANK

The Village Diaper Bank partners with local service organizations to provide free diapers to disadvantaged families while raising awareness of the basic health need for diapers. Their mission is to eradicate diaper needs to improve the physical, mental and emotional health of the families they serve.

### Opportunity:

- **THE DIAPER BANK HELPER:** Duties include repackaging diapers, filling diaper orders, organizing the warehouse, breaking down cardboard, and light cleaning. Regular volunteer hours on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 am - 11:00 am or by appointment for groups. Sign up for a pre-scheduled timeslot [here](#) or reach out to [hello@villagediaperbank.org](mailto:hello@villagediaperbank.org) to arrange a group session.

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## BADGER PRAIRIE NEEDS NETWORK

Badger Prairie Needs Network (BPNN) is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization dedicated to fighting poverty and ending hunger locally. BPNN operates a food pantry that serves food insecure households in Dane County.

### Opportunities:

- **COMMUNITY MEAL:** Serve as kitchen assistants, servers, dining room attendants and clean up. Can also be done as a group. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. The next community meals are December 2nd and 16<sup>th</sup> 2023. For more information visit [here](#)
- **KITCHEN TO TABLE REPACKING:** Repackage recovered food surplus from local commercial partners for Grab and Go meals. Can also be done as a group. Availability for weekday afternoon and evening shifts. For more information visit [here](#) or contact [volunteers@bpnn.org](mailto:volunteers@bpnn.org).

## THE RIVER FOOD PANTRY

The River Food Pantry serves over 1,000 households each week. Their services include free groceries for curbside pickup or delivery, freshly prepared to-go meals, and mobile lunches for children and families in low-income neighborhoods.

### Opportunities:

- **PANTRY SESSION ASSISTANT:** Serve in the pantry with food packaging and distribution, or customer registration. There are various shifts Monday through Friday. For more information, visit [here](#). To serve with a group, contact [volunteer@riverfoodpantry.org](mailto:volunteer@riverfoodpantry.org)
- **FAM (Family At-Home Meals):** Serve in the pantry to prepare and serve to-go meals for families to take home through our curbside meal program. For schedules and sign-up information visit [here](#)