

2024 HOLIDAY SERVING OPPORTUNITIES IN DANE COUNTY

DOMESTIC ABUSE INTERVENTION SERVICES (DAIS)

DAIS strives to empower those affected by domestic violence by advocating for social change through support, education, and outreach. They offer a wide array of crisis intervention and community education/prevention programs, including a 24-hour Help Line, programming for children from violent homes, legal advocacy, support groups, and emergency safety planning. DAIS is also the only domestic violence shelter in all of Dane County.

Opportunity:

- **PROVIDE A COOKIE DECORATING KIT:** Bake cut out cookies, purchase supplies, and assemble a DIY cookie decorating kit for the guests at DAIS. Please **sign up** [HERE](#) and **follow cookie kit instructions** found [HERE](#) . The drop off date for kits is December 13-15th by noon on a cart by Blackhawk Brader Way reception office glass door, on the lower level of the building.

NEHEMIAH CENTER FOR URBAN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Nehemiah cultivates innovative Black and non-black leaders through culturally grounded programs, who together create dynamic educational experiences and collaborative partnerships by building transformational relationships, equitable systems and just solutions.

Opportunity:

- **THE DIGNITY HOUSING PROGRAM BASKET:** Help fulfill wish list to build baskets of hygiene and necessity items for those living in Nehemiah's housing. Wish list can be found [HERE](#), select Nehemiah Reentry's shipping address at checkout and be sure to choose a delivery time during business hours.

You can also choose to purchase a few items from stores and drop off to 633 W Badger Rd Madison, WI during business hours and please label items for "REENTRY ATTN REBECCA". Typical items that usually included in the baskets are spray all-purpose cleaner, dishwashing liquid, liquid hand soap, men's deodorant (solid, no gel), men's body wash, toilet paper, laundry detergent, toothpaste, toothbrush, paper towel roll, antibacterial hand gel, twin XL sheet set (new condition), sturdy laundry basket or laundry bag with strap, men's socks, and face wash cloths.

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HOPE & A FUTURE NEIGHBORHOOD

Hope & A Future is an inclusive and intergenerational community care home in Madison. It is a vibrant neighborhood where older adults and families help each other flourish.

Opportunities:

- **DECORATE CHRISTMAS TREE:** Help put up and decorate a 12-foot Christmas tree (opportunity for December 4th at 1:30pm). If interested click [HERE](#) and go to December 4th Calendar to sign up.
 - **DECORATE COOKIES:** Help frosting and decorating cookies to be enjoyed by the residents and families. The schedule is for Wednesday Dec 4th at 1:30pm. If interested click [HERE](#) and go to December 4th Calendar to sign up.
 - **CLEAN AND ORGANIZE:** Help clean/organize overstuffed craft and activity closets as needed.
 - **COMPANIONSHIP FOR RESIDENTS WITH DEMENTIA:** Serve as a companion and this could be sitting and coloring, listening to music, reading, working on a puzzle, walking outside, or playing a game together with the residents. Can be anytime in the day, especially in the late afternoon and evening.
 - **MUSIC PERFORMANCE:** Serve by providing entertainment for the residents such as playing the piano or singing some Christmas carols with the residents. Can be anytime in the day, especially in the late afternoon and evening.
- If interested in any of these serving opportunities, please contact Paula Reif at paula@hopeandafutureinc.org.

THE SALVATION ARMY OF DANE COUNTY

For over 130 years, The Salvation Army has been serving our neighbors to improve the life skills and circumstances of the people they serve. They provide a wide range of services in Dane County including shelters, help disaster survivors, empower youth, transitional housing, and supportive health services.

Opportunity:

- **CHRISTMAS 2024 RED KETTLE CAMPAIGN:** Serve as bell ringers at one of the Red Kettles throughout Dane County or be a virtual bell ringer from now through December 24. For more information or to sign up, visit [here](#) or call at 608-250-2255.

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WAYFORWARD RESOURCES

WayForward Resources (formerly Middleton Outreach Ministry) brings the community together to create food and housing security through action and advocacy. They have one of the largest food pantries in Dane County, provide case management, referrals, housing stability assistance, as well as providing rides and assistance with chores through the Seniors Program.

Opportunity:

- **VOLUNTEER AT THE 2024 HOLIDAY ART MARKET at Food Concept Inc – Dec 6, 7, & 8:** An annual event to support WayForward to prevent homelessness and end hunger in the area. Volunteer duties include helping at the payment station, doing vendor care and hosting plinko game for market attendees and more. For more information or to sign up, visit [here](#).

THE EMPTY STOCKING CLUB

Founded more than 100 years ago, the Empty Stocking Club is funded by the generous donations of Wisconsin State Journal readers and community members to assure that no child goes without at least one brand-new toy and a book for Christmas, regardless of their family's financial situation. Volunteering opportunity for this event is for December 10-12th 2024 at the Alliant Energy Center, Madison.

Opportunity:

- Opportunities include setting up the toys, check-in/greeting, shopping with clients, retrieving toys, check-out, etc. For volunteering information, visit [here](#)

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 500+ children and their families to Centro for a community celebration. Find more information [here](#)

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- **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 2025. To volunteer, contact Karime at karime@micentro.org.

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 to insecure households in Dane County as well as Saturday community meals, legal advocacy, career development opportunities, nutrition education and on-site social workers.

Opportunities:

- **COMMUNITY MEAL:** Serve as kitchen assistants, servers, dining room attendants and clean up. Can also be done as a group. The 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. The next community meal is December 7th, 2024. 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.