

Works of Mercy Sunday 2026

Service Opportunities for the Whole Family



Bernie's Book Bank – Lake Bluff, IL

917 N Shore Drive, Lake Bluff, IL 60044 847.780.READ (7323)

About Bernie's Book Bank:

"Reading is the single most important skill a child needs. Yet many children lack access to books, especially books of their own. That's why Bernie's Book Bank works so hard to provide free quality books to children in our local areas to build personal libraries. We believe that books and book ownership create pathways to success."

They encourage individuals, families and groups of any size to spend service hours sorting and bagging books for us in a warehouse setting. All ages welcome.

<https://www.berniesbookbank.org/volunteer/individuals-small-groups-2-8-people/>

Greater Chicago Food Depository

4100 W Ann Lurie Pl, Chicago, IL 60632 (773) 247-3663

About GCFD:

"Our mission is to end hunger."

Kids' Days (Ages 5 -11)

<https://volunteers.chicagosfoodbank.org/opportunities/VX1fDcE9DK>

"Together, we can properly and efficiently distribute quality food to participating food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters in Cook County. Kids Day offers the opportunity to younger children to join our mission.

In a **Kids Day repack session** you may sort produce, inspect and box shipments of bread, or repack bulk dry goods (pasta, rice, beans) into smaller quantities." These sessions are designated for families or groups with children ages 5-11. We welcome groups of up to 8 volunteers with one adult for every two children. These sessions fill up fast, so register well ahead of your desired date!

Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly

355 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago (312) 455-1000

About LBFE:

Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly is committed to meeting the needs of elders who are isolated and alone.

The **Family Visiting Program** matches families with a local elder for companionship. Families can deliver food bags, holiday gifts, and special meals to celebrate holidays and birthdays, go on an outing for a family-centered experience or simply spend quality time together.

<https://lbfchicago.org/volunteer/>

Anti-Cruelty Society

510 N La Salle Drive, Chicago Volunteering: (312) 645-8092

About the Anti-Cruelty Society:

“From pet adoptions to low cost spay and neuter services to humane education, cruelty investigations and rescue, Anti-Cruelty works to raise awareness about the needs of animals.”

Introduce your kids (best for ages 3 – 9) to basic pet care and how to safely care for animals by volunteering at the **Anti-Cruelty Society’s Kids Who Care program**, held the first Saturday of every month.

Children and their families can assist in various capacities of the shelter, with roles ranging from making a toy for a dog and reading a book to a cat, to preparing snacks for rabbits and guinea pigs, and decorating and distributing adoption flyers in the community. Registration is \$5 and includes up to two children and their parent/guardian(s).

<https://anticruelty.org/kids-who-care>

Feed My Starving Children

555 Exchange Court, Aurora; 740 Wiley Farm Court, Schaumburg; 742 E. Park Ave., Libertyville Volunteering: 763-504-2919

About FMSC:

Feed My Starving Children is a national nonprofit organization that works to eliminate hunger one child at a time.

Volunteers come to one of the three Chicagoland locations to fill what they call manna packs, meal packs that restore malnourished individuals to full health.

Children ages 5 and up can help pack meals for malnourished children at suburban Chicago packing centers.

<https://www.fmsc.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

A resource for additional family service opportunities:

<https://www.chicagoparent.com/things-to-do/guides/family-volunteering-opportunities/>