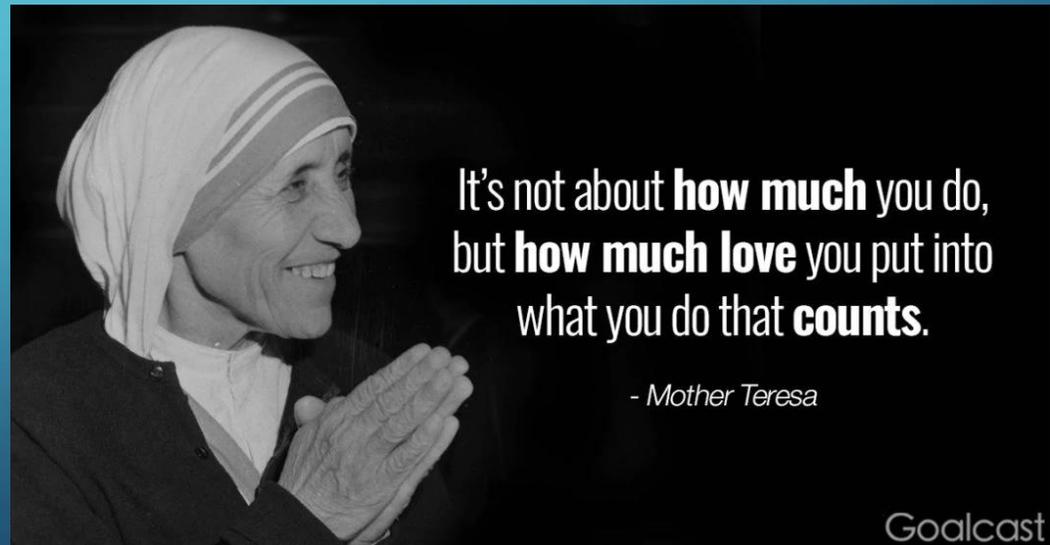


ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA RECOGNITION
FOR LIVING
THE SPIRITUAL AND CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

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It's not about **how much** you do,
but **how much love** you put into
what you do that **counts**.

- Mother Teresa

Goalcast

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CORPORAL WORKS

FEED THE HUNGRY-

- I was able to participate part of the Life Teen Ministry Food drive at St. Mary's Church with Brenner in October. I made small care packages with notes to each elderly parishioner with some small Halloween Treats, Puzzles, Blankets, Seasonal Decorations and Baked Goods that I made from scratch. I dropped them off to be delivered to 12 different families. In order to prep for the Care Packages I needed to shop, organize the containers and gift wrap, write the personal notes and prayers, and package the baked goods. The time spent on this was 7 hours. My Mom Kathleen was my supervisor and driver.
- I also participated in the Thanksgiving Food Drive, Christmas Food Drive, and the Easter Food Drive organized by the Knights of Columbus. I needed to look through my pantry for canned goods and supplies and shopped via Instacart for additional needed groceries. My Mom drove me to St. Mary's to drop off the Food for the Hungry. My Time spent on each food drive was 2 hours.
- Dorothy Day- I am participating in making salads for the month of June.

PICTURE FROM EASTER FOOD DRIVE



CLOTHE THE NAKED

- I have been generous enough to donate to Goodwill Charity to donate some of my old Coats, Gloves, Hats, and Winter Accessories! I also regularly go through my closet and donate shirts, pants, sweaters, and socks. I encourage my parents to add to my donation bin on a regular basis.
- I participated in the St. Mary's Coat Drive in November. Time spent on the St. Mary's Coat drive was 16 hours.
- For United Service Project this month, I will be collecting for the organization, Birth Right in Danbury. Bibs, Pajamas, Outfits, and onesies.

UNITED SERVICE PROJECT FLYER

BIRTHRIGHT BABY SHOWER



- Diapers (size newborn-2)
- Wipes
- Bottles
- Baby wash & shampoo
- Towels/wash cloths
- Crib sheet
- Receiving Blankets
- Bibs/newborn hats
- Onesies (0-12 months)
- Outfits/footed pajamas (0-12 months)
- Gift cards to Walmart & Target (to be used for our car seat/crib fund)



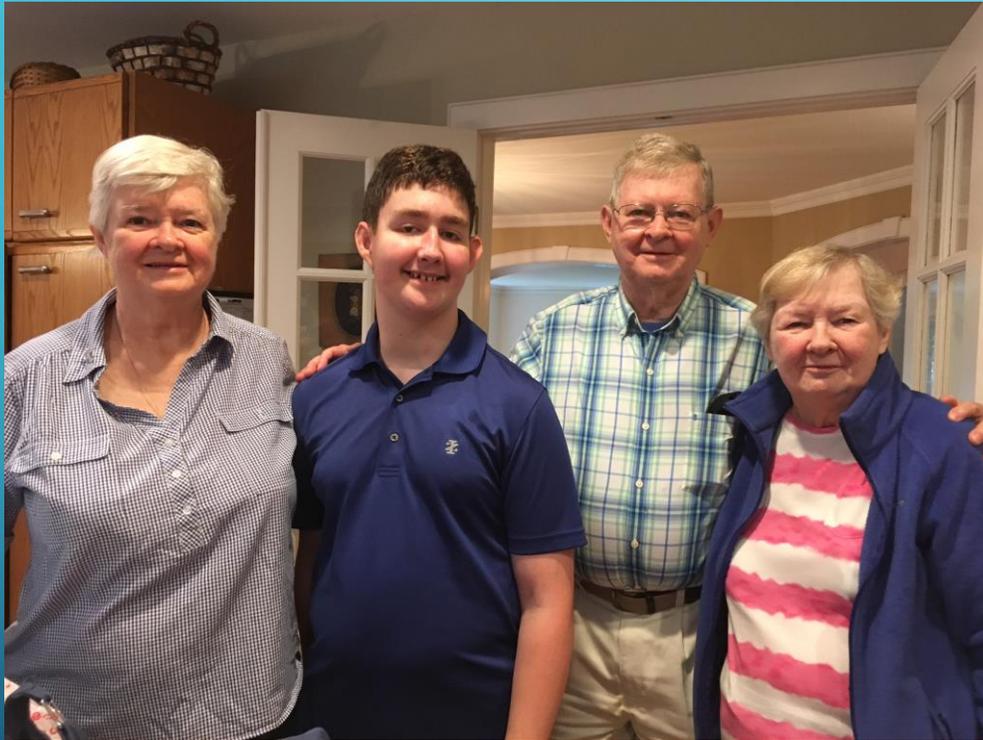
United Service Project
Items collected May 16th



VISIT THE SICK-

- When the Coronavirus Pandemic Hit, We had talked to my Great Aunts and Great Uncle Regularly! I even taught them how to use their computer to zoom with us! We have enjoyed doing so. We also usually send Care Packages for their Birthdays and if someone is sick. For example, my Aunt Marianne broke her toe and sprained her ankle and has now been in a wheelchair and really struggling to get around. She could not really put weight on it so we were able to help them by sending her Arnica rub and Gel Packs. We also plan on giving a Phone Call to my Aunt Rosalie who recently moved to a retirement community. She has been lonely and with Covid, no ones able to visit in person. We sent her some Surprise Flowers and words of encouragement in a nice card. Time spent on the care package for my Aunt was 1 hour. Usually when I talk to them it is about 2 hours each conversation.

PICTURE OF AUNT MARIANNE, AUNT PAT, AND UNCLE PHILLIP



The background is a dark blue gradient. In the corners, there are white line-art patterns resembling circuit boards or neural networks, with lines connecting to small circles.

SPIRITUAL WORKS

COMFORT THE SORROWING PART 1

- Our long-time neighbor, Mr. Fred Schroder, passed away suddenly. He was always a friendly neighbor and we enjoyed when we got a chance to visit or talk. His Wife Mrs. Jean had to married to Fred and they just celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. She was very sad and missing him so I dropped off a Lunch for her with Homemade Soup, Bread, and Cookies and added a special note of remembrance. My Family and I then surprised her with a Socially distanced visit to present her the goodies. She was so appreciative. The Amount of time for this was about and Hour and a 1/2.

PHOTO OF MRS. JEAN AND MR. FRED SCHRODER



COMFORT THE SORROWING PART 2

- We always use to visit my Great Aunt Marge in her retirement facility in Chicago. She always use to be so surprised when she found out that we were In town and wanted to take in a visit. We once all gathered as a large family (There were about 30 of us) as we took our puppy Riley in to visit the whole immediate Family! The Village was ok with it since we had a private room all to ourselves to hang out and visit. We always have fun visiting with her and we usually always bring a small token for her to keep. She unfortunately passed away in January and she was 92. The Family decided to wait for a memorial service until this summer due to Covid restrictions. I will be making a Funeral Video Montage of her Life. I have done this got my Great Grandmother Gerhart as well. I reached out to my Cousins and Grandparents to let them know I was thinking about them. We sent our condolences and shared memories and special photos. The amount of time spent working on the video memorial was 10 days and for reaching out, 1 hour.

PHOTOS OF AUNT MARGE



INSTRUCT THE IGNORANT

- I was able to sit down on zoom with my Little Cousin Colin (age 4) and taught him how to say the “Bless Us O Lord” Prayer. His little sister Ailis (age 1) was in the background listening. The one before we eat. Since there was a lot of background in his/our family history of Church, I thought this would be great. Our Great Aunt Pat is a Nun, and my Great Uncle Phillip is a Priest! When I told him that information he was impressed! So were my Aunt and Uncle on how I did the prayer and instructed him how to do it. I then read to him the story of Noah's Arc from a Children's Bible I had in my room! He and I very much enjoyed the Lesson that day and I was glad I was able to share my knowledge about Jesus and introducing him to the catholic faith. I spent about 30 minutes praying and teaching the Bible and Catholic Faith with him.

PICTURE OF COUSIN COLIN



PRAY FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD

- We usually pray for most of our Grandparents, Great Aunts and Uncle that would be going into surgery soon or are sick. We also usually would do it for someone that has recently passed away. Like my Aunt Marge and the Neighbor Mr. Fred. My Great Uncle Phillip always says “Now. Think about your older ancestors in your prayers tonight. Alright?” I always said yes and thought about them that evening.

PRAYER

This was usually the prayer we said for when we thought of someone's who was sick, going into the hospital, and dead.

Guardian Angel Prayer

Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
To whom God's love
commits me here,
Ever this day,
be at my side,
To light and guard,
Rule and guide.