



# UNITY WEEKEND

Interfaith Community Service

## Welcome to Unity Weekend, April 19-21, 2013!

Beth Emet The Free Synagogue of Evanston, St. Nicholas Catholic Church, The Second Baptist Church and the Unitarian Church of Evanston are joining together to put our faith to work - quite literally! Unity Weekend is an opportunity for people of all ages and abilities to get involved. Whether it's repairing the earth or helping others in need, Unity Weekend brings together diverse faith communities in our common spirit of caring.

As we gather together on April 19-21, we hope that Unity Weekend gives you a stronger sense of our shared purpose, a greater understanding of the needs of our community, and maybe even a new friend.

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Rev. Bill Tkachuk, St. Nicholas  
Rev. Connie Grant, Unitarian

### Unity Weekend Schedule

The weekend kicks off on Friday evening, and participants are encouraged to participate in as many events as they can.

#### Friday, April 19

6:00 pm Wine and Cheese Reception (Beth Emet, 1224 Dempster St.)  
6:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services

#### Saturday, April 20

8:00 am Check-In, Brunch and Send-Off (Unitarian Church, 1330 Ridge Ave.)  
9:30 am Service Projects (throughout the Evanston area)  
3:30 pm Reflections on the Day followed by 4:30 p.m. Mass (St. Nicholas, 806 Ridge Ave.)  
5:30 pm Light Supper (\$5 charge - St. Nicholas-Oldershaw Hall)

#### Sunday, April 21

11:30 am Check-In, Brunch and Send-Off for afternoon projects (Beth Emet, 1224 Dempster St.)

**REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY APRIL 12, 2013**

Register on-line at [www.unityweekendevanston.org](http://www.unityweekendevanston.org)  
or mail registration form to [UnityWeekend](mailto:UnityWeekend@962HarvardTerrace.com), 962 Harvard Terrace, Unit G, Evanston, IL 60202

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Many thanks to The Huckman Family Fund of the Beth Emet Foundation and each congregation for making Unity Weekend possible.

## SATURDAY PROJECTS

# Environment

### #1

#### Help Run a Farm Stand

Set-up and take down a farm stand and help with sales of cool weather vegetable seedlings organically grown at the Howard Street Farm.

- 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 20 people: 7 and older
- Location on Howard St., Skokie

### #2

#### Plant in the Fields

Work in the field creating new production rows: weeding, transporting and layering 'new soil' materials, mulching and planting for Howard Street Farm.

- 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 20 people: 7 and older
- Location on Howard St., Skokie

### #3

#### Keep Evanston Beautiful

Enjoy the morning in Evanston parks while picking up trash along the lakefront. A great way for younger children to help care for their community.

- 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
- Unlimited number of people: 10 and older
- Parks in Evanston

### #4

#### Create a Garden

Volunteers will work in the new garden area at Fleetwood-Jourdain Center, a community center with an outdoor playground that provides many activities.

- 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- 12 people: adults and teens
- 1655 Foster St., Evanston



### #5

#### Dining with a Purpose

Help re-establish a garden and plant seeds at Curt's Cafe. The Cafe's philosophy is to "dine with purpose"; enjoy great food and help our community at the same time. Curt's Cafe provides training in food service and life skills for at-risk youth. Enjoy lunch with staff at the end of project.

- 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 12 people: 16 and older
- 2922 Central St., Evanston

### #6

#### Gardening for CARE

Use your gardening skills to prepare flowerbeds for spring flowers for CARE, the Community Animal Rescue Effort.

- 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
- 8 people: 10 and older
- 2310 Oakton St., Evanston

# People to People

### #7

#### Share your Shabbat with Older Adults

Visit with and have a Shabbat discussion with older adults at Lieberman Center for Health and Rehabilitation. This organization assists older adults, families and caregivers with the complex issues of aging.

- 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- 10 people: 13 years and older
- Location in Skokie

## #8

### Serve Refreshments during a Musical Interlude

Visit and serve refreshments during a musical interlude with residents of Friedman Place, a supportive living community for blind and visually impaired adults.

- 12:45 pm - 3:00 pm
- 5 people: 12 years and older
- 5527 N. Maplewood Ave., Chicago

## #9

### Bring Along Your Musical Instruments

Sing or play a musical instrument to entertain residents of The Grove of Evanston during lunch. Help them play bingo after lunch. The Grove helps people transition from hospital to home.

- 11:00 am lunch; 2:00 pm bingo
- 12 people: 18 years and older
- 500 Asbury St., Evanston

## #10

### Play Games at Family Promise Center

Play games (sports, bingo, board games) and share lunch together with children of families in the Family Promise program. Volunteers will provide lunch for the children.

- 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 12 people: 10 years and older
- 1417 Hinman Ave., Evanston

## #11

### Cook with Kids

Bake and cook with children 5-15 years old who are part of Good News Partners program. This community development organization is focused on housing, education, and economic development for otherwise homeless families.

- 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
- 6 people: 12 years and older
- 1600 Jonquil Terr., Chicago

## #12

### Children Read to Children

Children read books aloud that will be recorded and made into CD's for chronically ill and hospitalized children. Normal Moments, Inc. is a supportive service agency that helps parents with critically ill children. Volunteers are asked to donate 5 new copies of their chosen book.

- 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (in 20 minute slots) good project for time-starved families
- Children who read with minimal assistance, accompanied by an adult
- Unitarian Church, 1330 Ridge Ave., Evanston

## #13

### We All Have a Story to Tell

Provide a therapeutic activity for Housing Options participants. Interview a small group of participants and document their stories to create a book of participants' stories. Housing Options is an agency that provides affordable housing and support services to adults recovering from mental illness.

- 10:30 am - 1:00 pm
- 4 people: adults only
- 1132 Florence Ave., Ste. B, Evanston

## #14

### Strum your Guitar, Blow your Horn

Bring your own musical instrument and entertain residents at Presbyterian Homes. Come visit and make music in the afternoon! Play bingo

- Music, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm: 4 people; teens and older
- Bingo, 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm: 3 people; teens and older
- 3200 Grant St., Evanston

## #15

### Play Games at Rice Child and Family Center

Participate in board games and group activities with residents (8 to 16) of Rice Child and Family Center. The center is focused on assisting vulnerable children to reach productive and independent lives

- 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
- 15 people: 18 and older
- 1101 Washington St., Evanston

## #16

### Play Games with Residents at Misericordia

Join developmentally-challenged residents in activities, games and art projects at Misericordia/Heart of Mercy, which serves individuals with mild to profound development disabilities.

- 10:00 am - 11:30 am
- 6 people: mature teenagers and older
- Ridge and Devon, Chicago





## #17

### Fold Linens at Misericordia

Assist staff and a few residents in laundry facility with folding sheets, towels and tablecloths at Misericordia/Heart of Mercy, which serves individuals with mild to profound development disabilities.

- 10:00 am - 12:30 pm
- 6 people: teens and older
- Ridge and Devon, Chicago

# Fix-up/Clean-up

## #18

### Use Your Carpentry Skills

Rehab an apartment building in the North of Howard neighborhood for Good News Builders. This includes painting, sanding, and dry walling.

- 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 10 people: 16 and older
- 1600 Jonquil Terr., Chicago

## #19

### Organize the Shed

Clean out the Salvation Army shed containing materials for projects. The Salvation Army has been in Evanston for over 100 years, offering community and church programs.

- 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 10 people: no age limitation
- 1403 Sherman Ave., Evanston

## #20

### Recycle Building Materials

Sort and arrange building materials in the warehouse and create displays of materials for Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse. This is a non-profit organization that promotes reduction of waste in landfills through sustainable deconstruction and renovation building practices.

- 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- 5 people: 15 and older
- 2010 Dempster St., Evanston

## #21

### Spring Cleaning at Shore Community Services

Do some yard clean-up and light housekeeping at residences of Shore Community Services. Shore provides housing and supportive services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

- 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 8 people: 18 and older
- 1823-31 Brummel St., Evanston

## #22

### Wheelchair Wash

Spring clean-up for wheelchairs belonging to residents of Over the Rainbow Association, an agency that manages affordable, barrier free, wheelchair accessible housing for disabled adults. Chat with the residents while you clean. Volunteers will supply buckets, soap, and rags.

- 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- 20 people: families encouraged
- 2040 Brown Ave., Evanston





## #23

### Spring Cleaning at Well of Mercy

Spring cleaning, including the kitchen and other rooms, planting flowers and other gardening for Well of Mercy. Well of Mercy supports single pregnant women who need shelter, education, and emotional support to build a poverty-free future for their families.

- 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 20 people: 10 and older
- 6339 N. Fairfield, Chicago

## #24

### Assist a Senior at Home

Scrape, sand and paint the outside of a garage and do spring yard clean-up at the home of an older adult who is part of the Senior Connections Program. This program pairs isolated older adults with caring volunteers from the community.

- 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 10 people: adults
- 1733 Oakton St., Evanston

## #25

### Assist a Senior at Home

Plant seeds in the garden and do lawn and yard clean-up at the home of an older adult who is part of the Senior Connections Program. This program pairs isolated older adults with caring volunteers from the community.

- 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- 3 people: no age limitation
- 703 Reba Pl., Evanston

## #26

### Assist a Senior at Home

Paint a porch railing, weed the garden and fertilize the lawn at the home of an older adult who is part of the Senior Connections Program. This program pairs isolated older adults with caring volunteers from the community.

- 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- 2 people: teens and adults
- 1328 Main St., Evanston



## #27

### Brighten Up the Kitchen

Paint the kitchen area for Howard Area Community Center, an organization that assists low-income individuals and families to stabilize their lives and develop skills to become productive community members.

- 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- 6 people: 12 and older
- 1527 W. Morse Ave., Chicago

## #28

### Let's Help Our Kids

Clean, sanitize toys, and organize books for the McGaw YMCA Children's Center, a membership organization that provides quality, comprehensive childcare and education for Evanston's diverse community.

- 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 6 people: 12 and older
- 1420 Maple Ave., Evanston

## #29

### Spruce up the YWCA

Post posters about racism talks, clean the shelter and do urban gardening at the YWCA of Evanston, which works to end violence against women and children, provides resources that empower women and girls and strives to combat racism.

- 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- 10 people: 18 and older
- 1215 Church St., Evanston

# Feed the Hungry

## #30

### Collect Food for Hillside Food Pantry

Conduct an on-the-spot food drive at a nearby grocery store for needed items at Hillside Food Pantry. Deliver collection to Hillside.

- 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- 6 people: children with adults
- Food pantry, 2727 Crawford Ave., Evanston

# Creative Endeavors

## #31

### Posters for CARE

Distribute posters throughout the community for CARE, the Community Animal Rescue Effort.

- 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
- 8 people: 10 and older
- Unitarian Church, 1330 Ridge Ave., Evanston

## #32

### Knit One, Purl Two

Knitters will knit and crochet hats, scarves and granny squares for blankets to donate to a needy cause. Needles and yarn supplied or bring your own. A calm project for those who prefer to stay indoors.

- 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- 20 people: teens to adults
- Unitarian Church, 1330 Ridge Ave., Evanston

## #33

### Sing-A-Long at Mather Place at the Georgian

Have fun leading older adults in singing familiar songs at Mather Place at the Georgian, one of Evanston's premier retirement communities. Song sheets and a pianist will make it easy for everyone to join in.

- 10:00 am - 11:30 am
- 25 people: 13 and older
- 425 Davis St., Evanston

## SUNDAY PROJECTS

# Environment

### #34

#### Help Run a Farm Stand

Set up and take down a farm stand and assist with sales of cool weather vegetable seedlings, organically grown at Howard Street Farm.

- 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 20 people: 7 and older
- location on Howard St., Skokie

### #35

#### Plant in the Fields

Work in the field creating new production rows, weeding, transporting and layering 'new soil' materials, mulching and planting for Howard Street Farm.

- 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 20 people: 7 and older
- location on Howard St., Skokie

### #36

#### Start a New Garden

Build two raised beds for planting vegetables and flowers and fill the beds with organic dirt at the new Beth Emet Gan (Garden).

- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- 20 people: 10 and older
- Beth Emet Synagogue, 1224 Dempster St., Evanston

### #37

#### Keep Evanston Beautiful

Enjoy the day in Evanston parks while picking up trash along the lakefront. A great way for younger children to help care for their community.

- 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
- 20 people: no age limitation
- Parks in Evanston

### #38

#### Dig in for Earth Day

Help with all outdoor work in conjunction with the annual Earth Day festivities at Emily Oaks Nature Center. Volunteers will be served lunch.

- 10:30 am - 4:00 pm
- 10 people: 16 and older
- 4650 Brummel St., Skokie

### #39

#### Prairie Restoration

Spend the afternoon at a restoration site in Harm's Woods pulling weeds, planting, collecting seeds, sawing, etc. The work is done in small groups along with experienced prairie/woodland volunteers. An ecology presentation is part of the fun.

- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- 20 people: adults, teens; Junior High Schoolers, 8 - 12 years, welcome if focused and able to follow directions
- Transportation provided by school bus from Beth Emet, 1224 Dempster St., Evanston

### #40

#### Canoe Clean-up of Skokie Lagoon

Have fun on the water while lending a hand! Remove trash from the water and banks of the beautiful Skokie Lagoons. We'll provide the canoes and life vests; canoeing experience is recommended.

- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- 15 people: (5 canoes): 2 adults and 1 child per canoe, ages 5 and older
- Skokie Lagoons

### #41

#### How Many Cars and Bikes?

Count automobile and bicycle traffic in certain areas of Evanston as part of a large Citizens Greener Evanston transportation project.

- 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm; 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- 6 people working in teams of 2 during each time period; 18 and older
- Different locations in Evanston

### #42

#### Keep it Looking Lovely

Weed and garden at the Ladd Arboretum, part of the Evanston Ecology Center, a 17-acre parcel of land along the North Shore Channel. The Arboretum is a highly used educational and recreational resource.

- 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
- 20 people: 5 and older (great for families)
- 2024 McCormick Blvd., Evanston



# People to People

## #43

### Engage with Older Adults

Visit with residents and help transport them to afternoon activities. Engage with them at Lieberman Center for Health & Rehabilitation, which assists older adults, their families and caregivers with issues of aging.

- 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
- 10 people: 5 for visiting; 5 for activity, 13 and older
- 9700 Gross Point Rd., Skokie

## #44

### Bingo!

Play Bingo and visit with residents at Lieberman Center for Health & Rehabilitation, which assists older adults, their families, and caregivers with issues of aging.

- 9:30 am - 11:30 am
- 10 people: 5 for visiting; 5 for Bingo, 13 and older
- 9700 Gross Point Rd., Skokie

## #45

### Bring Your Musical Talents

Entertain residents at CJE Senior Life/Robineau by bringing your instruments and voices. CJE Senior Life/Robineau offers retirement living in a friendly, family-like setting.

- 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
- 15 people: no age limitation
- 7550 N. Kostner Ave., Skokie

## #46

### Games and Art with Older Adults

Make new friends by visiting with residents, assisting them with art projects or games at CJE Senior Life/The Friend Center. The center offers a day program for people with Alzheimer's and related dementia.

- 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
- 10 people: no age limitation
- 1601 Lake Cook Rd., Deerfield

## #47

### Take Older Adults to Church

Assist ten patients to and from the church service at Presbyterian Homes Campus.

- 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
- 10 people: adults and teens
- 3131 Simpson St., Evanston

# Fix-up/Clean-up

## #48

### Painting for Independent Futures

Paint the walls of a community meeting room at Center for Independent Futures, an Evanston agency that helps adults with disabilities plan, support and find new ways of living in the community.

- 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
- 6 people: high school age and older
- 743 Main St., Evanston





### #49 It's Time for Spring Cleaning

Help with spring cleaning, washing walls, mopping, cleaning kitchen and doing yard clean-up at Hilda's Place, part of Connections for the Homeless. Hilda's Place provides emergency shelter and short-term housing for homeless adults.

- 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- 12 people: 8 and older
- 1458 Chicago Ave., Evanston

### #50 Organize Donations

Sort donations in clothing room and food pantry at Hilda's Place, part of Connections for the Homeless. Hilda's Place is open 365 nights of the year and has capacity for 34 adults at a time.

- 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- 12 people: 5 and older
- 1458 Chicago Ave., Evanston

### #51 Fresh Coat of Paint

Paint women's dorm room at Hilda's Place, part of Connections for the Homeless.

- 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
- 10 people: 12 and older
- 1458 Chicago Ave., Evanston

### #52 Clean-up at the Levy Senior Center

Clean the kitchen and do work in the Rothschild Garden at the Levy Senior Center.

- 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
- 6 people: adults
- 300 Dodge Ave., Evanston

### #53 Roll Up Your Sleeves for Hospitality

The Interfaith Action of Evanston Hospitality Center, which provides a warming/drop-in center for members of the homeless community, seeks folks to do deep cleaning. Volunteers will provide cleaning supplies.

- 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- 8 people: 10 and older
- St. Mark's Church, 1509 Ridge Ave., Evanston

### #54 It Takes A Village

Many greased elbows are needed for cleaning inside and outside at fair trade retailer, Ten Thousand Villages, which provides vital income for disadvantaged artisans in developing nations.

- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- 5 people: no limitation on age
- 719 Main St., Evanston

### #55 Fix the Bikes

Repair bikes at the Recyclery a non-profit used bicycle collective that refurbishes bikes, some of which are sold at discounted prices and some are given free to those in need.

- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- 14 people: those with some bike repair experience preferred; old enough to handle tools.
- 7628 N. Paulina St., Chicago



# Feed the Hungry

## #56

### Meals for Needy Families

Prepare and package meals for individuals and families in need at Campus Kitchen, a student-run organization that uses food to strengthen bodies, empower minds and build communities.

- 1:00 pm - 2:45 pm
- 5 people: 15 and older unless accompanied by an adult
- Allison Hall, 2245 B Sheridan Rd, Evanston



## #57

### Serve Dinner at A Just Harvest

Serve dinner and beverages and bus tables in a restaurant style environment to members of A Just Harvest Community (formerly Good News Community Kitchen) in Rogers Park.

- 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm
- 8 people: 12 and older
- 7649 N. Paulina St., Chicago

## #58

### Ladle Up the Soup

Serve a meal you've helped prepare for 100 guests of the Interfaith Action Sunday Soup Kitchen at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Participants will be asked to bring some of the ingredients needed to prepare the meal.

- 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
- 15 people: 9 and older
- 1004 Greenwood St., Evanston



## #59

### Slice, Dice and Serve

Prepare a meal for 100 guests of the Interfaith Action Soup Kitchen at Second Baptist (to be served by others the next day). Voluntary donations toward food expenses accepted but not required.

- 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
- 6 people: 11 and older
- St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Oldershaw Hall, 806 Ridge Ave., Evanston

# Creative Endeavors

## #60

### No-Sew Fleece Blanket Making

Learn a new skill and make fleece blankets to be given as gifts to seriously ill and traumatized children, ages 0-18, through Project Linus. Instruction and guidance will be provided. Participants will be asked to bring fleece fabric, pins, ruler, and fabric scissors.

- 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
- 12 people: 10 and older
- Beth Emet Synagogue, 1224 Dempster St., Evanston

## #61

### Create Flashcards!

Make flashcards to help immigrants learn English and study for their citizenship tests. The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society is celebrating 100 years of assisting refugees from around the world successfully adjust to life in America.

- 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- 20 people: 13 and older
- Beth Emet Synagogue, 1224 Dempster St., Evanston