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THIS ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE THE PERFECT GIFT BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Welcome Home Re-entry Mentors

Become a mentor to someone returning to the community from incarceration. Studies show that a faith-based mentor who provides encouragement and support makes all the difference in preventing recidivism. We will train you and provide ongoing support, but you already know what to do: be kind, be compassionate, be caring, be optimistic, and be reliable. Mentors are at least 25 years old and commit for an hour a week for a year. You will make a BIG difference in someone's life. Start now!

Get information and apply: www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/volunteer

Attention Financial Professionals!

Help motivated people to break the cycle of poverty. Join Catholic Charities "Financial Stability Network" of financial professionals who will offer pro bono financial education, financial coaching, and tax return preparation services for low income families and individuals in the Archdiocese of Washington. If you have any type of financial experience, consider joining the new Network.

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St Maria's Meals

Choose your spot to spend 2 hours feeding the hungry and thirsty and your soul. This food truck serves meals in different communities in the Archdiocese. On Tuesday evenings, volunteers serve families in the Camp Springs area. Bright and early on Friday mornings, volunteers serve breakfast to immigrants who are day laborers in the Long Branch area. Serve once, once a week, or once a month.

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Shelter Hospitality Volunteers

Do you have the spiritual gift of service, hospitality or giving? Help the staff who run our low-barrier emergency shelters in DC to dole out "soup, soap, and hope" to 1,100 people each night. Sign up for a once-a-week/6 month gig. You'll be amazed what a difference you make to those with no place of their own to call home.

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Calendar of Monthly and Weekly Service Projects

Is your family looking for something to do together? Is your group looking for a way to build community? How doing a one-time short project that make a big difference in a few hours: clean up a shelter, pack breakfast bags (Cup of Joe) for people who stay in our shelters, help load up food packages, and more. Do one, do them all. Most are appropriate for families and high school students.

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Note to Parish Bulletin Editor: Please publish one, some or all of these service opportunities at Catholic Charities now and/or throughout Lent. Just cut and paste. Change formatting to fit your bulletin! Questions? Maggie.ONeill@CC-DC.org

Amen. I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.

Mt 25:40

