

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH—MORNING OF SERVICE—NOVEMBER 4, 2017

ON-SITE ACTIVITIES

Albany Med NICU

Activity: Memory books

Volunteers: Minimum age 15

About the site: The Bernard & Millie Duker Children’s Hospital at Albany Medical Center is the only state-of-the-art facility that provides comprehensive care for children in northeastern New York and western New England. It is staffed by more than 110 physicians in 34 subspecialties of pediatric medicine. The unit has 125 beds and includes emergency services, Pediatric Intensive Care, Neonatal Intensive Care and a Perinatal Center for critically ill newborns and premature infants.

See https://www.amc.edu/Patient/services/childrens_hospital/pediatric_neonatology/index.cfm

Booth Home, Salvation Army

Activity: Food preparation

About the site: The Salvation Army strives to meet human needs in the name of Jesus without discrimination. Last year, the Empire State Division provided over 825,000 meals to people in need. Throughout the division, emergency, family, women’s and transitional housing as well as help with rent and utilities is offered. The Salvation Army Thrift stores fund drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs.

See <http://empire.salvationarmy.org/empireny/schenectady>

Christmas Cards for the Military

Activity: Craft

About the site: The cards will be delivered to active military and military hospitals.

Good Neighbor Project

Activity: Craft

About the site: At the conclusion of the activity, volunteers will deliver the “Good Neighbor” craft to homes in the immediate vicinity of the church. Rachel Winters will deliver them to the homebound.

Habitat for Humanity

Activity: Food preparation

About the site: Established in 1993, Habitat for Humanity of Schenectady County is a non-profit organization affiliated with Habitat for Humanity International the mission of which is “seeking to put God’s love into action.” It works through the county to bring donors, volunteers, and qualified working families together to build safe, decent, affordable housing. These quality houses are sold to home buyers through no-profit loans. Home buyers complete 400 sweat-equity hours and other requirements, pay for their homes and all upkeep, and maintain current payments.

See: <http://schenectadyhabitat.org>

Jack’s Place

Activity: Craft-fall decorations

About the site: Kate and Jack Falvo Jr. started the Jack Falvo III Foundation, in honor of their 21-year-old son who died in a personal watercraft accident in 2005. The goal of Jack's Place is to provide a "home" for the families of out of town patients of Ellis Medicine and Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital while their loved ones are rehabilitating. Eight families can be accommodated in Jack’s Place which opened in June, 2017.

See: <http://www.jackfalvoiiiifoundation.com>

Northeast Parent and Child Early Headstart

Activity: Fleece blankets

About the site: 128 children, between the ages of 6 months and 3 years old are in the program.

See: <https://www.neparentchild.org>

Operation Christmas Child

Activity: Make and fill pencil pouches

About the site: The pouches will be distributed through Samaritan’s Purse.

See <https://www.samaritanspurse.org>

Ronald McDonald House

Activity: Fleece blankets

About the site: Ronald McDonald House helps families to stay close to their child being cared for at the Children's Hospital at Albany Med. In the House, families find a place to rest and refresh, a place that feels like home. Families from around the world are welcomed—for varying lengths of time. Lodging, meals, computer access, laundry facilities, play spaces, and much more, are offered all in an environment where families can connect with others who understand what they're going through.

See: <https://www.rmhcofalbany.org>

Ronald McDonald House

Activity: Welcome bags

About the site: In 2015, a \$2 million project was complete, putting an end to waiting lists and the need to turn families away. With the additional space afforded by the expansion to bring the total of rooms for families to 26, 300 additional families will save \$950,000 in lodging, food, travel and medical expenses each year and be able to spend 12,000 more hours bedside with their child to aid in their care and hasten their recovery.

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