Be Charitable Challenge

- **Make Blankets for Displaced Children (Division of Child Protection and Permanency)**
  
  There are approximately 25 tie blanket kits available. Please use the google form to reserve one. Pickup is available in the senior parking lot tomorrow from 3:30-4:30 PM. If more than 25 girls sign up, Mrs. Kinkade will confirm via email that a blanket is available. Please email mrs.kinkade@olmanj.org when your blanket is finished.

- **Have-a-Heart**
  
  Help show your appreciation and recognition for the post office, delivery, and medical workers through the Heart Project. To participate, create hearts of any shape and size (see example below) and from any type of material (construction paper, tissue paper, etc.) and hang them on your front doors or tape to mailboxes, etc.. When people spot your hearts they will be reminded that we are thinking of them and thankful for the work they are doing. This is a quick and easy way to show your appreciation -- one heart at a time!
• **Masks for Heroes Project (Sewing Machine Required)**
  Surgical masks are desperately needed. Many hospitals are now accepting handmade masks. They are easy to make but require a sewing machine and materials. Batches of fabric squares (not the exact size, but close) are available for order on Amazon. Information on the project can be found here [https://www.masksforheroes.com/](https://www.masksforheroes.com/)

  A step-by-step tutorial can be found here [https://youtu.be/TL9D6ZFlZHM](https://youtu.be/TL9D6ZFlZHM)

  You are also invited to coordinate your efforts with Sew Sassy and the Lee Family. They are also making masks. Check out the Sew Sassy Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/sewsassyfashiondesign](http://www.facebook.com/sewsassyfashiondesign) and contact Mrs. Lee (917-209-5896) for more details.

• **Paracord Bracelets for Operation Gratitude**
  Not only do these bracelets look cool, but they can also be used to save a life in an emergency situation. Operation Gratitude includes them in Care Packages to our Troops and First Responders because they’re both functional and meaningful, and handmade by an American who wants to show their appreciation. More on how paracord bracelets are made and used [https://www.operationgratitude.com/express-your-thanks/paracord-bracelets/](https://www.operationgratitude.com/express-your-thanks/paracord-bracelets/)

  Kits that make five paracord bracelets can be ordered from Amazon for $10. Once complete, we will coordinate shipping to Operation Gratitude.

• **Story Time (and/or Sing-a-Long) on Facebook Live**
  This is a great family activity. Create a cozy space, pick a book or two, set a date and time and contact Mrs. Kinkade to help get the word out. You might even want to add a sing-along to your session. We will record and share it again later for more children to enjoy.

• **Sunshine Boxes**
  Head to the post office lobby and pick up a free flat-rate shipping box. Next, decorate it from the inside out and fill it with all things sure to make its recipient smile. These are great for any occasion and for any individuals or groups of people who are alone or not able to be with family at this time. These are also popular among people staffing nursing homes, assisted living facilities, as well as gas attendants, and more.
• **Takeout Tuesday**
Order from local restaurants and/or purchase gift cards from restaurants that we frequent. This is an initiative suggested by Governor Murphy that's designed to help support the many restaurants that have had to close or shift to take-out only operations.

• **Meals for Medical Workers (Sponsored by Larry's II in Vineland)**
Say "Thank You" to those who are on the front lines giving so much for each of us. Send a Lunch or Dinner package to a healthcare worker with your donation. Larry's II will soon be reopening and delivering lunch and dinner entree packages including a beverage and a sweet to our local hospital employees. Every $8 Lunch /$12 Dinner donation will send a meal package to a healthcare worker while at the same time helping Larry's II employees stay employed. We will also be offering contactless take out and delivery during limited hours while we are producing for our medical heroes! Contact Larry's II to order: (856) 692-9001

• **Neighborhood Walk Trash Pick Up**
The next time you head out for a walk on a nice day, wear a pair of work gloves and bring along two trash bags -- one for regular trash and the other for bottles/cans.

• **Random Notes of Kindness**
Use sticky notes, construction or loose-leaf paper to write a quick note of cheer and encouragement. Drop them in your neighbor's mailboxes. You can also leave them for postal workers, delivery people, newspaper delivery people, and more. You never know when a kind word can brighten a day.

• **Snack/Food Deliveries to ER, Urgent Care, Doctor's Offices, etc.**
This family activity involves arranging for delivery of food/meals to medical, fire, police, and EMS personnel in your community. You can also have deliveries sent to essential businesses that are also still operating like pharmacies, dry cleaners, construction companies, independent labs (LabCorp, Quest), and more. A few suggestions are listed below. **Please be sure to call ahead to be sure your donation can be accepted.**

*Winslow Emergency Medical Services* -- The Chief said that she would welcome a food delivery -- enough to feed approximately 15 people. She would arrange to share the delivery with the workers at the fire and police stations.
Contact: Joyce Midure, EMS Chief
NJ-73
Cedar Brook, NJ 08081.
609-567-5500

Vineland Urgent Care -- 1297 W Landis Avenue, Vineland, NJ

East Vineland Urgent Care -- 3722 E Landis Avenue, Vineland, NJ

Medical group in Millville -- 3 Elizabeth St, Millville, NJ

Medical group in Buena -- 761 S Harding Hwy, Buena, NJ

- **Animal Shelter Food and Supplies**
  Dog and cat food donations may be dropped off at the front door of the Cumberland County Animal Shelter. You can also check out the shelter’s Wish List: [https://southjerseyregionalanimalshelter.org/donate/](https://southjerseyregionalanimalshelter.org/donate/) The animal shelter is desperate for families to foster cats or dogs. If you can help, please go to their website and fill out an application. Website: [https://southjerseyregionalanimalshelter.org/](https://southjerseyregionalanimalshelter.org/)

- **Donate Blood**
  There is an urgent need for all types of blood especially as many school and office building drives have canceled. There are drives being held in trailers set up according to social distancing recommendations. Go to REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG to find one and sign up.

- **Donate Clothes**
  Cleaning out your drawers and closets? If so, The Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland and Salem Counties have donation bins waiting to be filled. They are open for clothes, draperies, curtains, and bedding. Go to SouthJerseyBigs.org or follow the link below to see all of the dropoff locations: [https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Clothing-Bins-Remain-Open-for-Donations.html?soid=1102482325371&aid=LmZ02e8qyCM](https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Clothing-Bins-Remain-Open-for-Donations.html?soid=1102482325371&aid=LmZ02e8qyCM)