



# 2009 VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



**Extend  
Commit  
Share**



**Spend your year making a difference.**  
Inside you'll find twelve monthly service activities perfect for families, friends, individuals, church, youth and community groups.



**ECS**

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COMMUNITY SERVICES OF LONG ISLAND  
BROOKLYN, QUEENS, NASSAU, SUFFOLK



**Thank You**

for your interest in volunteering with Episcopal Community Services,  
and partnering with us in our mission

On the pages to follow, you will find a year's worth of  
volunteer opportunities, one for each month!

To participate, simply fill out the bottom portion of the desired  
monthly service activity page and fax it in to our office.

You will receive a confirmation letter by email, fax or mail, with additional  
information about the service project and about drop-off locations.

Group volunteering is a wonderful way to bond with your family, friends  
and co-workers. Not only will you create lasting memories together,  
you will experience the joy that comes from helping someone in need.

**“This is the miracle that happens every time  
To those who really love;  
The more they give,  
The more they possess”.**

Rainer Maria Rilke

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# January Cabin Fever



## Help combat cabin fever!!!

**Collect new and “gently used” books  
And videos for the young people in ECS  
Care in our preventive services programs  
And those we come into contact with in  
Our counseling, Immigration, and Emergency  
Assistance programs throughout  
Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk.**

**Your gifts can make their winter a lot brighter.  
This is a perfect collection project for school,  
church and boy/girl scout groups; it will help  
them to combat their own cabin fever!**

**Remember, videos and books go on sale after  
Christmas!**

\*For ages 6-17. G, PG and PG-13 only please.

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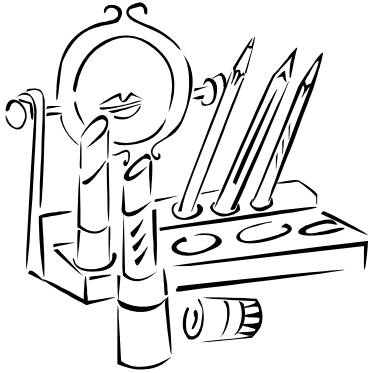
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# February

## Put a Good Face on Work



**Help low-income women put a good face on work!**

**Collect new cosmetics and personal care items to benefit the women as they transition from welfare to work, from domestic abuse situations to independence, and from poverty to self-sufficiency. These items will be distributed in Nassau, Suffolk, Brooklyn and Queens.**

- ✓ Body care items
- ✓ Hair care items
- ✓ Shampoo, conditioner
- ✓ Accessories
- ✓ Skin care items
- ✓ Gift certificates

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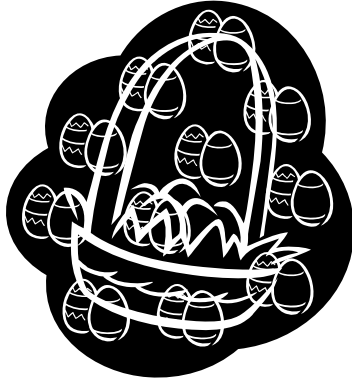
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# March

## Hop Up To Easter!



**Play Easter Bunny to young people or a senior citizen or a family in need.**

**Sponsor the Easter holiday by putting together Easter baskets filled with treats, goodies and books or toys. Be creative! Choose an age group you prefer; or assemble for a variety of ages! Fill plastic eggs with surprises! We'll distribute items throughout Nassau, Suffolk, Queens and Brooklyn**

**Easter is April 12<sup>th</sup>**

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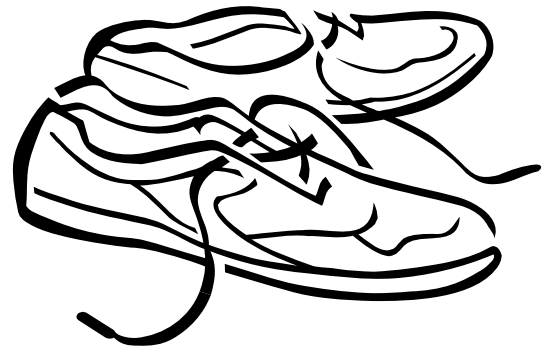
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# April

## Uncle Sam's Scholarship

**Just 10% of your tax refund** will help sponsor summer sports activities (baseball games, swimming lessons, and more) for youth in our preventive programs or will pay for a summer camp experience for low-income kids. It will also help fund outings and events for senior citizens.



To give these dollars even more impact, hold an Uncle Sam's Scholarship Drive at your local church or place of business. Flyers, brochures and other support will be provided by ECS to help you promote your drive.

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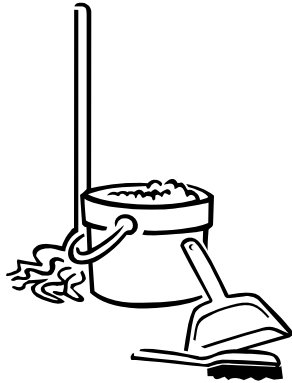
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# May

## Spring Cleaning for Fun!

You're going to  
do  
It anyway....



Why not have fun while you're at it, thinking about how much the items you no longer care about will mean to a young person in need. Consider cleaning out your garage and closets a little earlier this year, and drop off all of the "nearly new" and "gently used" **sports equipment, games and recreational clothing items** you find at ECS. We'll put them to good use!

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# June

## Gear to Go!



**Help us get the gear  
So that low-income  
children have what  
They need to go to  
Summer camp.**

Even if they receive a scholarship for the cost of camp, kids living in poverty simply don't have – and can't afford – the things on their camping supply list.

Please help us get them their gear: backpacks, water bottles, toothbrushes, swimsuits, sunscreen, bug repellent, flashlights, sleeping bags, beach towels, hats, disposable cameras, stationery or postcards with stamps to write letters home...all are needed!

A Great project for youth groups.

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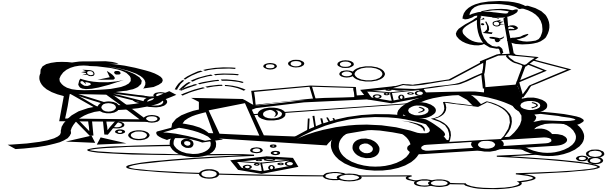
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# July

## Free Car Wash



**Hold a car wash with proceeds designated to sponsor a family's summer field trip or picnic.**

It's hard for most us to imagine, but many low-income families can't even afford a short trip to the zoo, much less an actual summer vacation.

You and your friends can make the Impossible, possible this summer!

Have friends and neighbors sponsor you a certain dollar amount for each car you wash.

Make plenty of signs advertising a FREE CAR WASH and watch the sponsorship money "roll" in!

Great for sports teams, youth groups and scout troupes.

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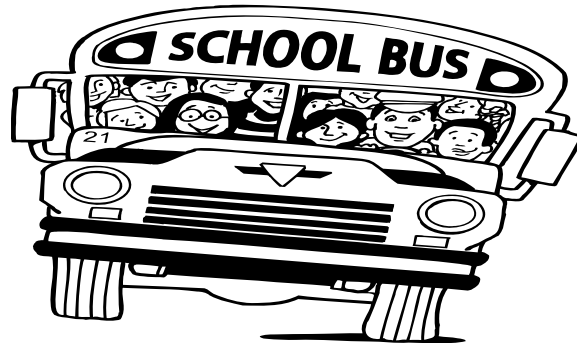
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# August

## Ready to Learn!



**Help kids get  
ready to learn!**

Equip low-income children with school supplies so that they can start to learn on the same level playing field as everyone else. Help collect backpacks, pencils, paper; pens, notebooks, erasers, glue, markers, rulers, and more!

Items will be distributed throughout Nassau, Suffolk, Brooklyn and Queens

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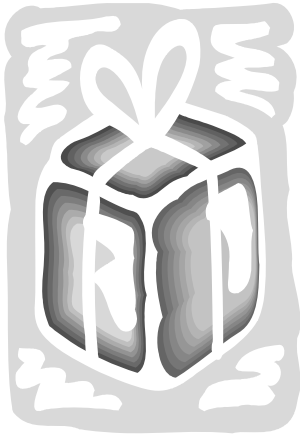
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# Birthday Wishes

# September

## Create a Birthday Party In a Bag!



Many low-income parents can't afford to buy the supplies to give their children a birthday party. You can help by collecting fun items to create a party kit in a birthday-themed gift bag. Items to include: Cake mix, frosting, candles, streamers, balloons, disposable cameras, unsigned birthday cards, loot bags filled with candy.

You'll make someone's special day truly special!

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# October

## Winter



**Help us collect new and “gently used” coats in preparation for the winter ahead.**

Coats are needed for children and youth of all ages, and adult women. Help somebody Warm Up this winter!

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# November

## Adopt-a-Family



**Play Santa  
For a low-  
income  
Family with  
children.**

Adopt-a-Family sponsors will receive a complete “wish list” from a family.

**Return form by:  
October 30<sup>th</sup>**

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**I/We wish to adopt:**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Family/families**  
**with**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Children – total**

# December

## Winter Hugs for kids and seniors

**Provide a warm winter hug to children and/or seniors in our communities.**



Give them a brand new matching set of mitts, hat and scarf or a pair of toasty socks and/or slippers.

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