

Good Shepherd Outreach Committee/List of organizations providing services and/or volunteer opportunities

A. Introduction

The lists below are intended to be a resource for both (i) parishioners at Good Shepherd and (ii) members of the surrounding community, compiling and synthesizing information about non-profit organizations in the S.E. metro Denver suburbs that provide either volunteer opportunities for those who are interested and/or services for those who are in need. The Outreach Committee does not intend that this list supplant those organizations (namely, St. Francis Center, for which the contact information is sfcdenver.org) and St. Clare's Ministries, for which the contact information can be accessed via this link--[St. Clare's Ministries | The Episcopal Church in Colorado](http://St.Clare's%20Ministries%20|%20The%20Episcopal%20Church%20in%20Colorado)) with which the committee and the church have worked for several years. Both of those organizations provide volunteer opportunities and resources of the kind listed below, and we encourage you to visit those websites for more information. This list, however, is intended to be a supplement, focused on organizations that are "closer to home" geographically and in terms of the communities they serve.

B. Volunteer Opportunities

1. Project C.U.R.E. (projectcure.org). The Project C.U.R.E. warehouse is only in a mile and a half from church. This is a very large national organization based in Denver with several warehouses across the country and here in Centennial. They have refocused their primary objective of collecting medical supplies and equipment that are sorted and then shipped to Third World countries to currently collecting medical supplies needed to combat Covid-19 here in the US. Individuals looking to sort in their warehouse should visit this website: www.projectcure.volunteerhub.com. Contact person is Amanda Cocetti, 303-517-6306.

2. Operation Gratitude Letter Writing (operationgratitude.com). This involves writing personal letters of appreciation to deployed troops, veterans, first responders, front line responders or wounded heroes and their caregivers. This is an opportunity for individuals but also perhaps youth, families and children.

3. Reading Partners ([Colorado - Reading Partners](http://Colorado-ReadingPartners)). A program which helps young grade school students work with volunteer reading tutors. The students attend elementary schools identified by Reading Partners.

4. Covenant Cupboard (covcupboard.org). Volunteer opportunities include pick-up and delivery of food donations and staffing the food pantry.

5. Family Tree/House of Hope (thefamilytree.org). Opportunities to serve meals at the GOALS (Generational Opportunities to Achieve Long-Term Success) housing program in Aurora. For volunteer opportunities, contact Rebekah Hawthorne, who is Family Tree's Director of Volunteer Engagement, and coordinates all volunteer efforts. She can be reached at rhawthorne@thefamilytree.org.

6. Volunteer Match (VolunteerMatch). Matches up individuals with non-profits and volunteer opportunities in the community.

7. Giving Heart Day Shelter (givingheartenglewood.com). Located in Englewood—provides a number of opportunities for individuals/small groups to volunteer, including preparing meals offsite for Tuesday and Thursday lunches.

C. Resources for the Community

1. General Information on Services Available

(a) Arapahoe County (arapahoegov.com) -County Services- Assistance Benefits- extensive list of topics and referrals for services-food banks, child care, financial assistance, etc. Programs include Shoppers for Seniors—contact nduvan@arapahoegov.com.

(b) 211colorado.org. Affiliated with United Way. Dial 2-1-1 -connects people to resources across the state.

(c) findhelp.org. Website includes listings for over 1800 programs to provide help for those in need.

(d) Volunteers of America (voa.org). Lists hundreds of programs providing food, shelter, and referrals for medical services, services like Meals on Wheels

2. Shelter Services

(a) coloradousingsearch.org. Provides information about housing available to many groups- veterans, disabled, seniors, homeless.

(b) Severe Weather Shelter Network (swshelternetwork.com). Temporarily provides vouchers for motels because of Covid-19 pandemic. Previously housed their clients in churches, but Covid-19 changed that.

(c) H.A.A.T. Force South Metro (HAAT Force). Motel vouchers to families and people with disabilities experiencing homelessness.

(d) Family Tree/House of Hope (thefamilytree.org). Provides housing and family stabilization services to the homeless and those at risk of homelessness, including the House of Hope in Englewood and the GOALS (Generational Opportunities to Achieve Long-Term Success) housing program in Aurora.

3. Food Security

(a) Covenant Cupboard (covcupboard.org). Friday afternoon, 1 to 4, drive through (currently) food pantry. Greenwood Village

(b) Integrated Family Community Services (ifcs.org). Located in Englewood. Through a variety of resources IFCS is able to help families achieve self-sufficiency. Best-known for food and clothing markets. IFCS also provides financial assistance, school supplies, holiday baskets, and recreation center vouchers to individuals and families.

(c) Salvation Army (salvationarmy.org). Food pantry open Tuesdays 5:30-7:00 pm and Thursdays 9:00-11:00 am. Individuals/families may visit once per month.

(d) Englewood Church of Christ (englewoodcofc.com). Food bank open Tuesdays 10:00 to noon. Individuals/families may visit once per month.

(e) St. Mary's Parish (stmarylitleton.org). Food bank open Mondays 10:00 to noon.

(f) All Souls Church ([All Souls Catholic](http://AllSoulsCatholic)). Food bank open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00-noon.

(g) Manna Initiative/Mosaic Church (ourmosaic.org). Food bank every Thursday other than the first Thursday of each month. Open 9:00-10:00 for seniors; 10:00-noon for all others.

(h) Spirit of Hope United Methodist Church (spiritofhopeumc.com). Food pantry and clothing the second Saturday of each month. 9:00-11:00.

(i) South Fellowship Church ([South Fellowship Church](http://SouthFellowshipChurch)). Food bank every Saturday 8:00-10:30. Families and individuals may visit twice per month. ID and proof of address required.

(j) Wellspring Church (wellspringenglewood.com). Food bank Sundays noon-1:30.

4. Meals and other Services

(a) Giving Heart Day Shelter (givingheartenglewood.com). Open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-3. Serves lunch - provides a mailing address for clients and access to computers, has clothing closet. Giving Heart also maintains an extensive list of available services on its website.

(b) Love INC (Love in the Name of Christ) Littleton (loveinlitleton.org). Community it serves is generally west of University Blvd. Connected with over 25 churches and mobilizes services in the community- diaper ministries, food banks, financial advice, etc.

(c) Crisis Center (thecrisiscenter.org). Located in Littleton. Provides confidential services (including emergency shelter, therapy, legal advocacy) to adults and children impacted by domestic violence.

5. Mental Health Services

(a) NAMI--National Alliance on Mental Illness (Arapahoe and Douglas Counties) ([NAMI Arapahoe/Douglas Counties \(namiadco.org\)](http://NAMI_Arapahoe/Douglas_Counties_namiadco.org)). Provides education, counseling and support for people whose lives are impacted by mental illness. Also provides volunteer opportunities.

(b) Village Resource Center. On call social worker, located at Covenant Cupboard. Assistance with housing and occasional mental health issues. Available by phone 720-636-5382.