



## Medfield Girl Scouts Greater Boston Area Community Service Projects

**MGS Community Service Coordinator: Tracey Rogers - [traceyarogers5@gmail.com](mailto:traceyarogers5@gmail.com) or (508) 359-6532**

A key part of the Girl Scout experience is the ability to give back to ones' community. Girls Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts requires all troops to perform at least one service project annually. The **Medfield Service Unit requests each troop to complete at least two service projects annually.** (We suggest troops participate in one MGS wide event and one troop sponsored.)

To schedule a service project for your troop, register on MGS website and contact the organization directly. Email Tracey to let her know or if you have questions or need more information.

**Available funds** — If the cost of your project will be more than \$5 per girl in your troop, funds may be available up to \$75 per project. Please contact Linda Frawley for pre-approval of funds at [lfrawleybbuyer@yahoo.com](mailto:lfrawleybbuyer@yahoo.com).

### Organizations listed alphabetically:

#### A Place to Turn - Natick

Contact: [info@aplacetoturn-natick.org](mailto:info@aplacetoturn-natick.org), 508-655-8868

Provides emergency food and clothing to metrowest residents.

- Hold a diaper, clothing or food drive.

#### Birthday Wishes, Inc.

Contact Person: Catherine Sullivan, Regional Coordinator South Shore area

([Catherine@birthdaywishes.org](mailto:Catherine@birthdaywishes.org), 866-388-9474 ext.6) We provide birthday parties to homeless children. Birthday Wishes recognizes the importance of a birthday in a child's life, and believes that a party provides normalcy, joy and hope in their otherwise unsettled lives.

- Hold a birthday party supply drive - toys and party supplies
- Prep arts & crafts kits (for 15 kids each) to be used at our birthday parties.
- Stuff themed birthday goodie bags (for 15), ages 4-8. See website or ask GS CSC for guidelines.
- Assemble a Birthday in a Box for a birthday child (see website for details)

#### Cradles to Crayons

Local Contact Person: Susan Holbrook, Dir of Children's Ministries, UCC Medfield, 359-8378  
([sholbrook@uccmedfield.org](mailto:sholbrook@uccmedfield.org))

Cradles to Crayons Warehouse ([cradlestocrayons.org](http://cradlestocrayons.org)), 155 N. Beacon St., Brighton MA

Our Mission is to link communities that have with communities that need. Provides free services and goods to tens of thousands of low-income and homeless children each year.

- Arrange to volunteer at the Cradles to Crayons warehouse for an afternoon! (PS  $\frac{1}{2}$  day suggested as Saturdays must be booked approx 3 months in advance.)

- Contact Susan to speak to your troop about Cradles mission and operation. With notice, Susan can supply product (new socks and underwear) for off-site packaging/processing at that meeting.
- Hold a children's clothing, toys or shoe drive in your troops' neighborhoods! See C2C website for clothing quality and standards. Please arrange transportation of donated items to warehouse.

### **Fairy Godmother Project of Massachusetts**

(northshorefairygodmother.org, 781-594-1255, contact: ELFUNFairyGodmotherProject@ge.com)

We collect donations of new and "gently" worn formal dresses and accessories for disadvantaged students so they can attend their prom in style.

- Be a girl's fairy godmother by holding a prom dress drive! Collect donations of new and "gently worn" formal dresses & accessories: shoes, purses, jewelry and new, unopened makeup and nylons. Time frame early Spring.

### **Greater Boston Food Bank**

Contact Person: Volunteer Dept 617/427-5200 ([volunteer@gbfb.org](mailto:volunteer@gbfb.org)), [gbfb.org/kidswhocare](http://gbfb.org/kidswhocare)

- 'Kids Who Care' Program. Volunteers age 10 and up may safely work with adults (6 kids to 1 adult ratio) bagging and boxing food that will make their way to families in eastern MA. Submit a school/agency application form thru website, and we will email you a confirmation if space available.

### **Hats 'N Mittens Program, Brockton Hospital (sponsored by Children and Youth Department)**

Contact Person: Jeanne Coulombre 508-941-7098 ([jcoulombre@signature-healthcare.org](mailto:jcoulombre@signature-healthcare.org))

Help this outreach program reach kids who often don't even have winter coats. Some materials for this project may be available. Contact Jeanne for information.

- Learn to sew or knit (or sometimes just cut out fabric) and put it to a good cause. Need scouts who can make mittens, hats, gloves, scarves or blankets. Items can be knitted or made of fleece or other warm material. Children sizes most in need but sizes for teens also accepted. Needed by 12/1.
- Hold a Hats 'N Mittens drive and collect mittens, hats, gloves, scarves or blankets to be distributed at the hospital. Needed by 12/1.

### **Medway Family House Shelter**

Contact: 508-533-1487 or Heidi Sia 508-533-1487 ([HSia@smoc.org](mailto:HSia@smoc.org))

The shelter located at 17 Holliston St., Medway. Directions: 109 to Medway center (near Star Market Plaza). Left onto Holliston St., the shelter is right after high school on right. No transportation to other venues.

- Celebrate a holiday at the shelter by throwing a party! Plan on bringing a cake, disposable camera, games or craft to do. The troop supplies cups, napkins, plates, drinks etc. and helps with clean up. Call Heidi to confirm number of people celebrating. Times: weekends/after school.
- Bring a craft and help the children do it. The kids particularly like holiday theme crafts. Times: weekends/after school.
- Need scouts 12 years and older to tutor or play games with the children on weekends/after school.
- Help Shelter with our fall clean up of yard. Bring yard tools and we can provide yard waste bags.
- Make a "Party in a Box" filled with seasonally themed party supplies, craft kits (for 15), games or activities, and goody bags (for 15).
- Do a "supply drive" for the families at the shelter. Most needed items include personal care items (shampoo, soap, deodorant, etc.), diapers and wipes.
- Interested scouts and troops, please all & discuss possible ideas with director. Client needs change depending on the shelter's population. Scouts under high school age to be accompanied by a parent.

## 4-H Military Partnership Program

Contact Person: Dr. Linda Horn, 413, 577-0332 ([lhorn@umext.umass.edu](mailto:lhorn@umext.umass.edu))

The 4-H military partnership program works with young people whose parents are in the military and may be deployed. We collect a variety of items that might be used by the youth to stay connected with their parent. These are used at events and camps sponsored by 4-H military partners with young people.

- Make cards and write letters for the military youth or deployed service persons
- Decorate MYO blank puzzles (available thru Oriental Trading), break apart and Ziploc baggie them.
- Collect activity books, journals, stationary, stamps, small gender neutral toys, and disposable cameras
- Collect family friendly DVDs, games or other items that families can share together.

## On the Rise

Contact Person: Taylor Bartley ([taylorbartley@ontherise.org](mailto:taylorbartley@ontherise.org)) 341 Broadway, Cambridge, MA 617-497-7968

Cambridge located homeless shelter needs assistance with projects the first Saturday of every month.

## Project Linus

Contact Person: Lucy Maiullari, 508-566-0993, Greater Boston Area Project Linus ([bostonprlinus@aol.com](mailto:bostonprlinus@aol.com))

We are dedicated to delivering handmade blankets to children who are seriously ill or traumatized and in need of the extra comforting and love that only a beloved "blankie" can provide and to offering a worthwhile service opportunity.

- Be a "blanketeer"! Blankets can be hand-tied fleece, knitted, crocheted, or quilted! Please see website for suggested blanket dimensions and many ideas on fleece blanket fringing.

## V.A. Hospital (West Roxbury)

Contact Person: Mary L. Girard, Volunteer Service 857-203-5135, 1400 VFW Pkwy, West Roxbury, MA 02132 ([MaryLou.Girard@va.gov](mailto:MaryLou.Girard@va.gov))

- Plan a visit -sing songs.
- Make cards for major holidays and seasons for Veterans (for their food trays).** Troop can mail cards to Ms. Girard.
- Bake cookies (no nuts) for our daily coffee hour. Deliver any day, we will freeze the cookies & use as needed.
- Make 'Boredom Buster' bags for our residents. Decorate paper tote bags, fill with puzzle books, Sudoku books, crossword puzzles, toiletries, candy, mints, gum, etc.
- Special project welcomed. Call Ms. Girard to discuss other ideas.