

Community Service Projects Menu 2025

Thank you for considering a Community Service Project that will benefit our patients, residents, and staff at CentraState! There are a variety of opportunities for volunteers of any age to serve their community as well as accumulate Community Service Hours. Details for each project, including supplies, directions, guidelines, and requirements, are listed below.

Donation Drop Off ~ Donations are accepted Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am-11:30am or 1:30pm-3:30pm. Please come to Outpatient Entrance 4 and call 732-294-2622 when you arrive. No appointment necessary. We do not accept donations on Holidays that fall on these days. Please let us know when you call if we need to bring a cart to carry donations.

Please note that the *Donation Intake Form* from our website **MUST** be printed and filled out when you drop off your donation or we cannot accept it.

***All donated items must be new, and a **receipt must be presented** with all purchased donations**

A Certificate of Hours is provided at drop-off. While we can attempt to fill out any requested school paperwork, we cannot provide a letter of service for donations.

Project Ideas (See below for more information)

Comfort Items

- puzzle books (word search/crosswords/Sudoku, large print), playing cards, small notebooks, packets of mechanical pencils, coloring books for adults and children, packs of color pencils/crayons/washable markers, stationery, sleep masks, hairbrushes, deodorant, fans (with batteries), hair supplies (3 hours per 6 items. No mini items please).
- no-sew blankets or brand-new blankets (hours will vary and no-sew blankets must be completed to receive hours).
- life-like baby dolls, stuffed animals, squishy toys, fidget toys. (these must be NEW in ORIGINAL packaging and a receipt of purchase must be presented to receive hours. Hours will vary).

- Amazon and Dollar Tree Gift Cards can be accepted for 12 hours per \$25.00. Please check with your school/organization that this will count towards your hours goal prior to donating.

Staff Motivation Cart

- Snacks and Treats
 - Pre-packaged chips, pretzels, snack-packs, cookies, granola bars, chocolates, candy, etc. (cannot be homemade)
 - Packages of 12 items 2 hrs; 13-24 items = 4 hrs; 24+ items = 5 hrs
 - Chocolate/Candy: 4 small bags or 1 med. Bag = 2 hrs; 1 large bag = 3 hrs
- Hand-Made Cards
 - Staff love to see your appreciation through a hand-made card!
 - Please let us know what department you would like the cards delivered to
 - Do Not write your last name or any personal identifying information – just first name or group name or “A Caring Community Member”!
 - Please take your time and be creative with the cards! Think of what would brighten your day if you were to receive it!

Cards for Patients and Residents

- Hand-Made Cards
 - A hand-made card is a great way to brighten a patient’s day! We do ask the following...
 - Please make cards for all holidays, including Mother’s Day and Father’s Day. Please let us know what the cards are for and drop them off at least *a week* prior to the holiday.
 - Do Not write your last name or any personal identifying information – just first name or group name or “A Caring Community Member”!
 - Please take your time and be creative with the cards! Think of what would brighten your day if you were to receive it!