



# Share the Perfect Gift: Yourself

*My mother and my brother are those who hear the word of God and act on it. Luke 8:21*

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## Decorate for Christmas

Spread Christmas cheer by decorating a Catholic Charities site for the holidays. Decorate the door of a group residence or the common-area at an emergency shelter and more! These sites in Washington, DC, Montgomery County and Prince George's County.

**To get involved, email: [Volunteer@CatholicCharitiesDC.org](mailto:Volunteer@CatholicCharitiesDC.org)**

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## Angel Tree Christmas Gift Program

Donate a gift for a parent in need to give to their child on Christmas. After Thanksgiving, visit the Angel Tree page to make your commitment and get the scoop on when and where to drop off your gifts.

**Get information and sign up: [www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/volunteer](http://www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/volunteer)**

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## Christmas Caroling at Shelters with Deacon Jim

Join the Troubadour Deacon and his fiddling friend to sing carols to the residents at 2 shelters on evenings of December 19 and 21. Provide your own transportation; we will provide the song sheets!

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## Hope Corps

We are recruiting young adults to work in teams to lead volunteer events once a month for the next year. Hope Corps members lead volunteers in one-time, short projects that make a big difference in a few hours. Hope Corps members receive training and swag and our gratitude!

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## Give of Yourself

Is your family looking for something to do together? Is your group looking for a way to build community? How about doing a one-time project that makes a big difference in a few hours: clean up a shelter, pack breakfast bags (Cup of Joe) for people who stay in our shelters, help load up food packages, and more. Do one, do them all. Most are appropriate for families and high school students.

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## St. Stephen's Day (or any other day!)

The day after Christmas, December 26<sup>th</sup>, celebrate with food & fun and the residents at a Catholic Charities housing program by providing and serving brunch the day after Christmas. Locations in Montgomery County and DC each have ~40 residents. Get a group together to provide the food and paper products.

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## Joseph's Coat of Many Colors Coat Drive

Involve your parishioners or school kids by designing your own parish or school-based coat drive, and donating the coats to Catholic Charities' Joseph's Coat of Many Colors Coat Closet.

**For more information: [www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/Coats](http://www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/Coats) or email [Coats@CatholicCharitiesDC.org](mailto:Coats@CatholicCharitiesDC.org)**

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