



## Our Lady of Mercy Academy Service Hour Program

To cultivate “mercy in action” through the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and themes of self-gift expressed in the classroom, students are required to complete 15 hours of Christian service for each school year. This service is to be geared toward filling basic needs of others in the community (food, shelter, physical and mental health, etc.), without payment and beyond normal family life expectations. Examples include, though are not limited to clearing a neighbor’s driveway of leaves or snow, writing letters to residents of nursing homes, Altar serving during Mass, picking up trash in a neighborhood, and volunteering with an organization like Community Kitchen. A list of organizations is below to jumpstart ideas for places to contact in pursuit of service opportunities.

### Possible Organizations

- Catholic Charities
- South Western Community Services -housing, WIC, and Head Start
- NH Department of Health and Human Services
- Monadnock Crisis and Prevention Services – domestic violence support
- Chesco – employment support for individuals with disabilities
- CASA of NH -Court Appointed Special Advocates for children who have been abused or neglected
- Pregnancy Center of the Monadnock Region
- Linda’s Closet – clothing assistance for women joining the workforce
- Keene Senior Citizen’s Center
- Phoenix House – substance use and behavioral health services
- Pathways for Keene – trail development and creating a healthy, active community
- Keene Housing – elderly and low income housing assistance
- Sally’s Place – adult daycare
- The Community Kitchen
- Monadnock Conservancy – preserve wildlife and working lands
- Sophia’s Hearth – parent child education classes
- Harris Center for Conservation Education
- The Sustainability Project – wheelchair accessible trails and edible forest gardening
- Hundred Nights Shelter
- Monadnock Area Habitat for Humanity
- Rise for Baby and Families – birth – age 3 early intervention services (part of MDS)
- True Hope Therapeutic Horsemanship

### Service Hour Form

Students are to keep track of their hours with the attached Service Hour Form on which they are also to describe the service they completed and the organization/people they helped as well as to obtain a signature from an adult supervisor. At least once a quarter, students are to meet briefly with Mr. Toscano to discuss progress and plan for completing service hours. Completed Service Hour Forms are **due to Mr. Toscano by 2:45pm on June 1, 2022** in order for the final report card to be received.

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**Service Hours 2021-2022**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_ **House:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Date of Service</b>	<b>Name of the organization or people Served</b>	<b>Hours Served</b>	<b>Description of the Service</b>	<b>Supervisor Signature</b>

**Service Hour Total** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_