

2011 ShareFest

September 1st-11th

Eleven Days of Giving

“Uniting as Proud Americans in compassionate community service for those in need.”

Items for the following events will be collected throughout the community during the “Eleven Days of Giving” as well as the “Main Event” on Saturday Sept.10th at Spencer School. Locations will be posted on the website.

September 1st - 11th

♥ **Angela's Mission-** started in order to help meet the needs of hospitalized troops that serve abroad. Items to be collected will be displayed on the website. They include such items as shampoo/conditioner- body wash- bar soap- sunscreen- body lotion- books- magazines- underwear- socks. Cash donations for shipping are welcome. Contact Kathy Johnson at KJohnson@newlenox.org

♥ **Book Drive-** this reuse & recycling event is sponsored by Girl Scout Troop 15 and Reading Tree, an organization committed to promote literacy and recycling books. Everyone is invited to drop off new and gently used books at partnering locations from September 1st -11th. On Saturday September 10th the Book Drive will be located at the “Main Event” held at Spencer School 1711 S. Spencer Rd. The Book Drive will be open to exchange books for no charge. Contact Carolyn Farrell at cil3mxf2@yahoo.com

♥ **Clothing & Home Goods Drive-** Goodwill Industries is this year’s non-profit recipient for the collection. There will be a drop box at St. Jude Catholic Church 241 W. Second Ave. Clothing items include all textiles such as coats, blankets, skirts, blouses, slacks, jeans, drapes, curtains, neckties, suits, shoes. Home goods include plates, dishes, toys, pots, pans, glassware, CD & DVD’s, sports equipment. For more information, Contact Fr. Don Bates 815-463-4207 or dbates@stjudes.org

♥ **Food Drive** Our local food banks are requesting help. Some non-perishable items needed are shown on the ShareFest website. Food items will be collected and distributed to our local pantries. There are many drop off locations for the food collection on the ShareFest website. On Saturday Sept.3rd, collections will also be taken at Berkots, Jewel on Nelson Rd, and Walmart from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Contact Jennifer Huizinga at j_huizinga@comcast.net.

♥ **New Toy Drive** Donate new toys and gift cards for the Treasure Chest Foundation, which gives toys and more to children fighting cancer. Contact Karen Kadubek at kadubek@comcast.net or Colleen at www.treasurechest.org

Friday September 9th

Career Education/Instruction held at the New Lenox Village Hall 10:00am-1:00pm-. The career service staff from the University of St. Francis & Mary Dyer, Branch Manager at Standard Bank & Trust will help with resume reviews, mock interviews, and job search assistance. This event and the Saturday September 10th Job Fair at Spencer School are sponsored by the Village of New Lenox and the University of St. Francis. Contact Kristi at kkelly@stfrancis.edu .

Saturday September 10th

Main Event- located at Spencer School 1711 S. Spencer Rd. The events below and all the gatherings will take place from 9:00am to 3:00pm unless otherwise stated.

♥ **Job Fair 10am – 1pm** Get connected to employers looking to hire!

♥ **Health & Safety Fair: 10am-1pm - FREE** Diabetic Retinopathy Screening & Macular Regeneration Testing provided by the New Lenox Lions Club. **FREE** dental exams and cleanings for all Lincoln Way area Pre-K – 12 students provided by Orland Park Dental Services. Many health & safety organizations present providing others **FREE** screenings and testing. Blood Drive on Heartland's mobile coach with a **FREE** exclusive commemorative Remember 9/11 T-Shirt. Contact Dan Martin at dmartin@newlenox.net .

♥ **Recycling Drive 8:00 am – 3:00 pm-** This year we are hosting a **Household Hazardous Waste Collection**. The NL Township will have on-site Electronic Recycling. Rain barrels will be on sale for \$65 and compost bins for \$45. Scrap Metal and Styrofoam will also be collected. See website for list of items. Contact info@ShareFestNewLenox.com **8:00 am-3:00 pm**

♥ **Home Goods & Clothing Drive** for Goodwill Industries, this year's non-profit recipient. We also donate clothing to local families and centers to help those in need. Contact Fr. Don Bates at dbates@stjude.org. 9am-3pm at Spencer School.

♥ **Service Projects-** These clean up / fix-up projects are for seniors, disabled, and disadvantaged are at the heart of ShareFest.. We have completed 122 services projects over the last four years. If you know someone who could use a helping hand, please contact us at info@ShareFestNewLenox.com

♥ **Forest Preserve Restoration Projects-** in cooperation with the Will Count Forest Preserve District, Volunteers are needed for workday projects set up by the Forest Preserve District. A liability waiver must be signed (on the site) and proper clothing should be worn. Questions: call Renee Gauchat 815-722-7364 rgauchat@fpdwc.org.

September 11th - ♥ We encourage everyone to attend the Patriot Day Ceremony held at the New Lenox Village Commons September 11th at **2:00pm**. This is a day of remembrance and a day of service. Watch for more details coming soon. Contact Kathy at kjohnson@newlenox.org