

B'NAI MITZVAH PROJECTS (TIKKUN OLAM) FROM PREVIOUS STUDENTS:

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I. ANIMAL RELATED

Worked at an animal shelter.

Went to an old age home for horses to paint fences and pick up rocks.

Collected donations for **Justice Rescue** – a charity organization which rescues animals from abusive and neglectful homes. www.justice-rescue.com

Cared for homeless animals at the **Animal Coalition of Delaware County**.

Helped to find dogs a good home from the **Delaware County SPCA**; raised money by selling items made by student.

Trained dogs to help people with disabilities at **Independence Dogs**.

Volunteered with rescue dogs from Puerto Rico at a shelter. Tasks included feeding, first aid, and walking dogs.

Worked at **National Greyhound Rescue** which rescues and rehabilitates racing greyhounds throughout the US.

Helped at **Forgotten Cats**, an agency which helps place cats for adoption.

Cared for abused, stray dogs and cats at the **Delaware Humane Association** in Wilmington, DE

Raised puppies to help visually impaired people at **The Seeing Eye** www.seeingeye.org

Worked with dogs for people with disabilities at the **Canine Companions for Independence** (CCI).

II. CHILDREN RELATED/DISABILITIES AND ILLNESSES

Alex's Lemonade Stand

Donkey Project in Ethiopia. Raised money to support the hospital and buy donkeys for girls to carry water to their families

Camp Sunnybrook for visually impaired children

Special Olympics of Delaware County: helped children with physical and mental disabilities with sports activities.

Tutored children at **Wallingford Elementary School**

Helped to make and collect blankets to donate to babies in need at **Project Linus** (www.projectlinus.org)

Created art with students at **Chester Eastside Ministries.**

Offered tennis lessons and reading sessions to children in Manayunk through the **Legacy Youth Tennis and Education.** Organized an equipment drive by collecting old racquets and other tennis equipment.

Raised money for girls' education through **The Girl Effect** by doing face painting, selling t-shirts, refreshments and used kids' books. The proceeds go to girls in Ethiopia.

Collected books to donate to **the Wesley House** in Chester. Read to children while their parents took a class on life skills every other Monday. The kids keep the books.

Worked as a CIT at **Rattlebox Nature Center** in Wawa, working with children from orphanages.

Ran a children's book drive at school. Collected 2268 books, which were donated to **The Family Management Center** (homeless shelter) and read to the younger children.

Volunteered at an **ESY** camp for kids with autism and other disabilities. Helped teach skills such as math and reading, social skills, sign language.

Put together care packages of basic necessities for **Cradles to Crayons** which provides children with books, school supplies, clothes and toys.

Donated new or gently used costumes to orphanages in China through **Half the Sky.**

Made and delivered colorful fleece hats for kids with cancer at **A.I. DuPont Children's Hospital**.

Volunteered at programs for children with disabilities: **Children and Adult Disability, Educational Services, CADES**, and the **Wanna Play Program** in Newtown Square.

Collected art supplies and gift cards for **Lucy Belle's Rainbow**, which provides art supplies to children receiving cancer treatment at **Children's Hospital of Philadelphia**.

Collected new or gently used sportswear or gear to give to **Play It Again Sports**, and donated the money to **BuildOn**, which builds schools in places such as Nicaragua.

Worked with **Chester Upland Youth Soccer** to develop a project to support a local community in need. Find information on their website (<https://cuys.org>) or by contacting their Executive Director. They also have a resource for other programs that are looking for volunteers. <https://cuys.org/mentoring>

Helped families battling pediatric cancer in the Delaware Valley through **Kisses for Kyle**. They have need for volunteers for many of their active programs. Find more information on their website: <https://kissesforkyle.org>

III. CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

SaveDarfur.org: Helping to raise awareness about the genocide.

Israel Emergency Fund: power point presentation.

CADES: completed a year of service volunteering

MLK day of service

Brought donations from BI to the **Community Action Agency of Delaware County**.

Mazon: ran a bake sale to raise money.

Made quilts for **Quilts 4 Comfort**, which are donated to hospitals.

Shelved books at **Swarthmore Public Library**.

Raised money for, and educated people about the **Agahozo Shalom Youth Village** in Rwanda, Africa.

Took over the **Winter Coat and Clothing Drive** at BI.

Donkey Project in Ethiopia: raised money to support the hospital and buy donkeys for girls in Ethiopia to carry water to their families

Hung paintings on the walls of **Fair Acres**, a senior living facility.

Collected new or gently used sportswear or gear to give to **Play It Again Sports**.
Donated the money to **BuildOn**, which builds schools in Nicaragua.

IV. **CLOTHING/HOMELESS/FAMILIES IN NEED**

Andrea's Attic – Marcus Hook – sold donated items to benefit local families in need.

Help Philadelphia – transitional housing center in West Philadelphia that provides formerly homeless mothers both housing and a way to become self-sufficient.

Helped with **voter registration** in the City of Chester.

One Acre Fund – a charity that helps farmers in Rwanda and Kenya in the form of seed, fertilizer, advanced farming tools and education on how to use them. Once a farmer's crop has grown and is brought to the market, the farmer pays the fund back, so it recycles the money again and again.

Books Behind Bars – Philadelphia

Gave free musical concerts for various **nursing homes**

Special Olympics of Delaware County – helped coach the basketball team.

Collected books to give to a local **homeless shelter** and **literacy program**.

Reading Partners Program – Family management Center Day Care

Went to a homeless shelter, played board games with the children.

Participated in a program at the **Family Management Center in Chester, PA**, a 10-unit family shelter that provides emergency housing to homeless families.

Donkey Project – Ethiopia – raised money to support the hospital and buy donkeys for girls in Ethiopia to carry water to their families.

The Seeing Eye – raised puppies to help visually impaired people – www.seeingeye.org

Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) – working dogs for people with disabilities

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V. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Made bat boxes and donated them to the landscape committee of BI.

Cleaned up trash from neglected areas of various neighborhoods. Some possible organizations to work with include: **Brandywine Red Clay Alliance**, which is partnered with the **Delaware Nature Society**, and **Crum Ridley Creek**, also **Adopt a Highway** through **PennDOT**

Raised and donated money to **PennEnvironment** in their support of the Keystone Fund.

Ashland Nature Center in Delaware – counselor for summer camp programs

Highway cleanup

Worked as a CIT at **Rattlebox Nature Center** in Wawa. Worked with children from orphanages.

VI. FOOD RELATED

Cooked for the food service at the **Upper Darby Life Center**.

Cooked for **Meals on Wheels** with residents at Martins Run Senior Community

VII. MEDICAL RELATED

Volunteered at **Sandy Rollman Ovarian Cancer Foundation**.

Raised money for and volunteered at the **Komen Race for the Cure** on Mother's Day.

Raised money to buy AED (automated external defibrillator) and taught people the basics of CPR.

VIII. POLITICAL ISSUES

Helped with voter registration – City of Chester

Political Campaign – literature drops, working at the polls on election day