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Doing Well By Doing Good in Advent
Places & ways you can pitch in during the season

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God's Kitchen

303 Division Avenue South
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 454-4110

God's Kitchen, a program of Catholic Charities of West Michigan, helps to feed the hungry with dignity and respect. Volunteers are the backbone of God's Kitchen, with over 3,000 assisting with operations annually. Individuals, organizations and congregations from across West Michigan are invited to come together and address the needs of the hungry in our community.

Degage Ministries

144 S. Division Avenue
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 454-1661

FSC supports this organization, which serves the homeless and poor in downtown Grand Rapids. Degage Ministries relies on the faithful support of over 1,200 volunteers annually. Positions range from weekly to monthly commitments and are open to individuals and groups.

Please call or email Hollie Peerboom at hollie@degageministries.org for more information on volunteering.

Dwelling Place

101 Sheldon Blvd. SE, #2
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 454-0928

Dwelling Place creates and manages low income folks in our downtown area. FSC Districts routinely provide 'Welcome Baskets' to new residents, but there are other volunteer opportunities for individuals, groups and companies. If you are interested in donating your time and talents to Dwelling Place, please call Michele McIsaac at 616-855-0419 or visit their website at www.dwellingplacegr.org.

Other ways you can give this Advent season ...

DONATE to the FSC Holiday Food Drive

This season, our Fountain Club & Tower Club are partnering with Grand Rapids Montessori in support of its annual Holiday Food Drive to provide Christmas baskets for low-income families. Your donations of non-perishable food, dry goods and toiletries will be gratefully accepted at the designated area in our coat room on Sundays or anytime during the week.

GIFT to our Christmas Wish Tree Program

FSC's Red District is once again launching this very successful effort to support the teachers and staff of GR Montessori Schools by donating much-needed school supplies on their wish lists. Look for the special trees adorned with 'Wish Tags' located throughout our church during Advent. Select the tag of your choice, then leave your (wrapped or unwrapped) gift under the tree—*don't forget to attach the gift tag!* We'll gather the gifts each Sunday and deliver everything to the school just before the holiday break.

GIVE a Christmas to a struggling family

Want to help ensure a very special Christmas for someone this year? Consider donating holiday food items and/or a new or gently used toy or book for low income families at GR Montessori, our partner school. Simply drop off your item(s) at FSC's Welcome Center any day of the week through December 14. Our Orange District will then use your donations to create and distribute festive Holiday Baskets for struggling families. *This is a great way to teach your child what the holiday season is really all about.*