

New volunteering ideas for The Gathering Place

- Design and build a mobile display for selling The Gathering Place cards at fairs and markets.
- Organize neighborhood card sales (kind of like a lemonade stand) or find businesses in your area who would like to sell cards.
- Organize a March Against Homelessness.
- Go to other schools or groups to talk about homelessness: Educate others!
- Start a letter writing campaign to alert elected officials about homelessness in our area. Write the president, too.
- Get others involved in sponsoring a meal or special celebration on a day school is closed.
- Sponsor a field trip for families that don't often get to go to the zoo, the movies, or a museum. Maybe your family can donate unused passes.
- Call The Gathering Place and find out what their greatest needs are. Start an "Urgent Action Committee" and mobilize your community to help.
- Volunteer to help at an event like the Annual Holiday Fair- run carnival games, make prizes, bake cookies, do a craft activity.
- Sing, put on a play, or dance concert at The Gathering Place.
- Donate your favorite books and make some bookmarks to go with them. Put a note in the book about why it's your favorite book.
- Raise money- it always helps. Maybe a car wash, bake sale, or dance marathon. The dance marathon could happen at The Gathering Place so everyone can participate and have fun.
- Give gift certificates to grocery stores- it helps people if they need medicine or things they really need but can't afford.
- Create a care package of a phone card, map to The Gathering Place, and a protein bar. Give them to people who you meet who may need help.
- Make sack lunches for women who can't stay for lunch.
- Donate clothes to Heritage Cleaners (they bring the donations to The Gathering Place every month).
- Sponsor a party for women who have gotten their GED or have gotten housed.
- Make a blanket or quilt for the sleeping room beds.
- Paint and frame a "Home Sweet Home" picture for a woman or a mom's new home.
- Write a story with The Gathering Place Writer's Group- send it back and forth until it's done.
- Invite Gathering Place families to a special event at your school and help them get there and feel welcome.
- Put birthday bags together for the Family Area's Birthday Program; new toys and books that mom's can get for their child's birthday.
- Put together a box of everything the Family Area would need to do a craft project with kids.
- Donate disposable cameras and albums so families can make their own memories.
- Joint service project- is there a way you want to help in the world that the women and kids at The Gathering Place can join in on?