

Looking for ways to get out and get involved? Here are a few community events – some that are already ‘tried and true’ in Corps around the Eastern Territory! Don’t hesitate to reach out to another Corps officer to get more information on those listed below... we all have Outlook!

- Have a college in your town? Designate a room in your Corps for a late night study spot. Have the women provide a comfortable setting and provide coffee and snacks for those who come in to study. Promote this with flyers on the campus!
- State Fair or Farm Show in your town? Set up a booth that shares information about The Salvation Army and a schedule of all activities. The Eastern Pennsylvania division has several Corps who set up booths!
- Sayre, New York offers a Breaking Bread Bible study to the community. Sometimes the community members outnumber the Corps members!
- The GNY division took part in making heart pillows which were distributed to women who had undergone breast cancer surgery. Over 1,000 pillows were made and delivered during the month of October which is breast cancer awareness month.
- Heard about Pearl Essence? This is a ministry to women in strip clubs and massage parlors. Contact Major Susan Wittenberg or Lt. Tabitha Swires for more information! You could also offer Human Trafficking awareness training and have someone from THQ (*Major Sue Dunigan or Jamie Manirakiza*) or DHQ come to share the information.
- After-School program at your corps? Camden, NJ started a Mom’s Café for moms of children attending the after-school program. Theirs helped meet the needs of Spanish speaking parents with bilingual children.
- Mending Hearts is a group for women who have struggled through abuse of difficulties in life. They meet monthly at the Plainfiled, NJ Corps.
- Have women who love to read? Start a book club at your Corps! You could select the book and ask if you could post information about the book club at your local library – or in your community newspaper. Montclair, NJ has hosted a successful book club for a multi-generational group!
- Love to try your hand at Pinterest projects? Lexington, KY hosted a Creative Expressions Workshop. This was a time for women to come together and enjoy creating different things they enjoyed and enjoying fellowship. The event was open to the community.
- Host a Trunk or Treat this year as a Halloween alternative. Women can provide the trunk of cars decorated in fun ways and the candy for distribution!
- Hold a Spring Garden party – take flowers to the home of people who could use a bit of cheer! Plant the flowers in a window box, porch container or their front yard! Provide a container of iced tea and enjoy a chat. (*This is a good activity that one or two women can handle – a group could do several homes!*)
- Keep Toes Warm – Host a “Socktober” event and collect new warm socks of all sizes to donate to a family crisis center or homeless shelter.
- Create Birthday Parties in a Box – Make “*Birthday Boxes*” that include balloons, a cake mix (*just add water*), mug, birthday hats, candles and streamers. Donate to a family shelter or to the ARC so when a birthday comes up, they have an instant party available.