



Hello Amazing Greenbriar Families!

The Greenbriar Gives/Family Service Committee is very excited to announce Greenbriar's upcoming Greenbriar Gives Service Week, February 5-9, 2024. This year we are partnering with two charitable organizations, Camp One Step and Ronald McDonald House Charities, to support children and families in need. Each classroom will participate in one service project during Greenbriar Gives Service week. See below, for the specific project your child will participate in.

Information about the organizations:

Camp One Step

Camp One Step by Children's Oncology Services is a leader in providing empowering, supportive, educational, and fun experiences for children (ages birth -19) who have been diagnosed with cancer and their families. Camp One Step is the only local organization to offer 10 free in-person camps, as well as CONNECTED digital programs, throughout the year serving pediatric cancer patients, survivors, and their families.

Ronald McDonald House Charities

Every year, thousands of children and families travel to receive care at one of Chicago's world-renowned hospitals. Since 1977, Ronald McDonald House® and Family Room® programs have helped to provide a

caring and compassionate environment where families can rest and find support while remaining close to their hospitalized child.

How will my child help to support these organizations?

All children in grades K – 2 will be packing lunch meal kits for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Each child will be able to pack up to 10 lunches with items purchased and provided with community support. All food items will be in packages to avoid any allergy concerns. Each lunch will go to families that are on the go, helping to support and care for their family members receiving medical care.

Goal: 1600 lunches

All children in grades 3 – 5 will be putting together bracelet kits and joke cards for Camp One Step. Each bracelet kit provides enough beads and clasps for two bracelets; one bracelet will go to the child receiving the kit and one can be given to a friend. The joke cards will be created with sample support and gifted to the child in care with fun jokes from a “secret” friend to enjoy during their time of struggle.

Goal: 1500-2000 bracelet kits and joke cards

How can parents and families also support these initiatives?

There are two ways families can make service week a super success. We are looking for parent volunteers ([sign-up link](#)) to help for 30 or 60 minutes depending on the classroom/grade level during the week of February 5th through February 9th to support the kids packing meal kits and making bracelet kits. We are also looking for items to be purchased from our [Amazon Wish List](#) to fill our meal kit requests.

We sincerely look forward to working with your children on these amazing projects and we appreciate the Greenbriar families for your continued support throughout the year.

Below, you will find the volunteer sign-up and the wish list links for easy access.

Volunteer Sign-Up:



Greenbriar Service Week
signupgenius.com

Amazon Wish List:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/D9OUVKXJ635W?ref=cm_sw_em_r_un_un_5jOhWvponKt7

Please make your Amazon Wish List purchases by **January 28th** and feel free to share the link with friends and family members who might want to support this effort as well.

(As a member of the Greenbriar Gives Committee, Jocelyn Reynolds has been kind enough to accept delivery of the wish list items and transport them to school. Her name should show up as the recipient when you shop the wish list.)

*If you would like to contribute, but would prefer sending money in via Venmo for the Greenbriar Gives Committee to use for Amazon Wish List items for the meal kits, please Venmo Urmi Graft at: @UGraft

Thank you for supporting service week! If you have questions, please reach out to Urmi Graft (urmi.graft@gmail.com) or Rachel Copenhaver (rachel.copenhaver@gmail.com).