



Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
 Department of Maryland
AUXILIARY OUTREACH PROGRAM
Reaching Out December & January



Wishing you and your family many happy memories this holiday!

Volunteer Opportunities Around Our State

- ✓ Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless
301-217-0314
- ✓ Village of Hope (Salisbury)
410-860-5981
- ✓ Meals on Wheels (Baltimore)
443-573-0925



*Please share opportunities to **reach out** near your community at your next Auxiliary meeting.*

Based on information from the Internet online.



Outreach Shooting Stars - Auxiliary #5246 President Teena Meyer (L) and Senior Vice Lacy Whitby helped plant a garden for the city of Federalsburg.



Earn Bonus Points!

So many of us reconnect with family and friends at the holidays. *Faithful friends who are dear to us gather near to us once more.* Why am I quoting a Christmas carol? It's about friends. Every new Outreach volunteer reported December and January earns 1 bonus point for connecting someone new with *reaching out*.

WAYS TO BE RECOGNIZED AS VFW AUXILIARY AS YOU *REACH OUT* TO VOLUNTEER

With the holidays approaching, your Auxiliary members may appreciate some gift ideas that would help them to be recognized as VFW Auxiliary when they are volunteering for a group in the community. Everything below is from the VFW Store.

\$23.95 - \$29.95 →

A large Life Member emblem is on the front and back of this 100% preshrunk cotton T in sizes for Men and Women from S to 4XL.



← **\$23.95**

The Royal Blue cap has the AUX emblem on the front and an adjustable back strap. Made in the USA!

\$18.95 →

A stain and wrinkle resistant apron with back ties and an adjustable neck strap. Thigh length with 4 patch pockets and the AUX emblem on the front.



Reporting Tip.....Oh Crunch. It's a NO

Reaching out with other veterans service organizations like the American Legion or Vietnam Veterans of America is NOT reportable for Auxiliary Outreach. Decide if the service is a better fit for another program - Americanism, Youth Activities, or even Legislative and get credit for your work.

Make *Reaching Out* to Others a Gift You Give This Season





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? ? ? ? ? Members Ask ? ? ? ? ?

I already volunteer my time to the Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Why should I volunteer for Auxiliary Outreach projects as well?

Working alongside the members of other organizations gives our VFW Auxiliaries a positive image. We show that we are not just focused on working for our veterans but that we are dedicated to *reaching out* to all members of our community. Partnering with other organizations can also be a great way to interest others in joining the VFW Auxiliary.

Have a question? Send questions or concerns to:
cathygistedt123@gmail.com

Reaching Out to Learn More About...



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a worldwide Catholic charity inspired by values in the Gospels encouraging us to help our neighbors in need. Their work includes:

- Telephone responders
- Work in homeless shelters
- Truck drivers and helpers
- Food pantry volunteers
- Home visitors
- Thrift Center staff
- Family assistance work

Volunteers of all faiths are welcomed to join in St. Vincent's work. If needed, training is gladly provided.

The VFW Auxiliary Department of Maryland is in St. Vincent's Eastern Region. To volunteer your time, contact one of the two sites in Maryland – Baltimore or Easton.

Baltimore Administrative Office
2305 North Charles Street, Suite 300
Baltimore, MD 21218
410-662-0500

Info@vincentbaltimore.org

Saints Peter and Paul Conference
29533 Canvasback Drive
Easton, MD 21601
410-770-4505

svdpeastonmd@gmail.com



Remember: Volunteering as an usher or Sunday School teacher at your church does not qualify as Auxiliary Outreach. Your work can be with the church but must benefit the entire community.

From online information at The Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Thanks for Reporting!



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Reporting from September 12th – November 15th 2023

Checking In With Ourselves

After partnering with an organization, volunteer coordinators suggest that we *check in* with ourselves. Every few months ask yourself if you are enjoying your volunteer position. Your honest answer could be NO. So then what?

Search for a different partnership that may be more suited to your schedule and skills. Or, speak to the volunteer coordinator where you are currently helping to see if other duties are available that you may prefer.

Make your time *reaching out* for the Auxiliary Outreach Program a happy experience for you.



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You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give. Kahlil Gibran, writer & poet