



alleluia baskets
providing joy

Basket Bulletin

1/22/2024

Highlights

There are groups bringing donations and filling Easter baskets most days of the week. They come eagerly ready to work and hear what is going in with Alleluia Baskets. Some of our volunteers are coming for the first time and others have been a part of the organization for several years. The common thread is we are all coming together to provide joy to others in a time of need, doing it with joy and excitement. There are always smiles and laughs and a few sighs when their hour of service is done, they always have sighs because they want to stay longer. Here are some of the items donated created by teens and seniors, pictures of four generations filling baskets and young families. Come and be a part of something special. Check out the calendar on the website and email alleluiebaskets@gmail.com with your desired dates and times. You will receive a confirmation shortly after.



Memorable Moments

To celebrate our 20 years of serving others, stories will be shared with you from our founder Karen Mesler. In 2008, Easter baskets were scheduled to be delivered to the temporary residents of the Karen Catholic Worker House located in North St. Louis. A home for women and children to stay while recovering from assorted hardships and nowhere else to go. Before our founder traveled from St. Peters to St. Louis she picked up a donation of Easter bunnies, one was very large! Too large to fit in any Easter basket but she took it with the hope it could provide joy to someone. The Big Bunny rode in the passenger side of the pick up truck, for fun, and the baskets were in the bed of the truck with some food donations for the residents and volunteers of the Karen House. As our founder arrived in the unforgiving parking lot, there was a young mom with her little girl, guessing around 18 to 24 months old, carefully walking across the parking lot to 'come home'. One could only imagine the trauma that brought the mom and little one to the Karen Catholic Worker House. When our founder parked the truck and came around the vehicle to start unloading the Easter baskets and food, the little girl waved, bringing a big smile on our founder's face. Such joy from a little one, unaware of life's circumstances. It was at that moment our founder asked the mom if it would be permissible for her little one to have the large stuffed bunny. The mom happily agreed. Our founder opened the passenger door for the mom to reach in and give the bunny to her daughter. In 2008, the mission of Alleluia Baskets was to help children smile on Easter. There were many smiles that day!!

Upcoming Events

Music Trivia • February 17th

*Trigg Banquet in O'Fallon, Doors open at 6, Trivia at 7
Only 4 tables left! \$200/8*

Ribbon Cutting to Celebrate 20 Years of Providing Joy & Building Community • February 20th 9am

Volunteer Opportunities are available, see calendar on our website

Countdown to Easter 2024 • 69 Days!

How to Help

Time to sign your group up to fill baskets!

Check out the website calendar for Volunteer Opportunity, send your desired date and time to alleluiebaskets@gmail.com, a confirmation will be sent to your email.

Would you like to make a monetary donation?

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