

Non-Contact ways to do Service:

Check out: <http://www.countyofsb.org>

For a list of items and where they are needed. Housing and Community Development page.
Foodbank of Santa Barbara Count:805-937-3422 infor@foodbanksbc.org

490 W Foster Rd. Santa Maria

1. Bake Goods for local elderly neighbors or those who are ill and leave on doorstep with an explanation (so they do not think it has been tempered with) and a card.
2. Fundraising drive in your neighborhood with an explanation and what your goal is for the Red Cross or Catholic Charities or other organization that helps in a Pandemic. Maybe just collect loose change or easter cards to friends and family for donation.
3. Write cards of thanks to first responders and deliver them or mail them!
4. Volunteer to do yard work for an elderly or sick neighbor or a neighbor who working hard and cannot find the time or energy to do work.
5. Contact one of our nursing homes, care facilities or Marian extended care and deliver handmade cards of encouragement and prayer. They do not be to be addressed to a specific person. Use a bible verse or a prayer. You should be able to make 3-4 in one hour and you can count the time it takes to mail the package or call an arrange to drop them off.
6. Have someone who can wear mask and gloves, to go to the store or Dollar Tree and get things to make a hygiene kit(s) to be dropped off at the Good Samaritan Shelter or a church or group who is collecting them.
7. Animal Shelters: Call and find out what they need and figure out a drive among neighbors and friends to collect or make what they need. Sometimes they need warm blankets which can be cut into smaller blankets or towels for bathing.
8. Call or write to Santa Barbara County Juvenile hall and ask what the young people need or want. We have done clothing drives, book drives, but hygiene products might be needed.
9. Organize a "contactless" food drive or supply drive in your neighborhood. Put flyers on the doors or in mailboxes or on the front step by the front door announcing when you are collecting and where the food or supplies are going to go. Let them know the day and time and maybe provide a bag. They can leave the donation out of the front step or by the mailbox for you to collect.
10. St. Luis de Montfort parish has a website and there is a list of needs for their food pantry. You can collect for them and bring the supplies or canned food to the rectory and Patty will gladly accept it. Call first.
11. Sew masks for friends and family, neighbors, those in need, the homeless...Jo-Ann fabrics has donated fabric. Walmart also has fabric. Directions are on-line.
12. You can raise money by contacting the American Cancer Society or any of the other "societies" and finding out what kind of help they need.
13. Can you sew, knit, crochet? Contact Marian Hospital and find out what their needs are for babies. We used to crochet baby hats and give them to the hospital.
14. You can cook, clean, tutor, and do whatever you can for those who have to go to work each day supporting us in our community even if this person is a family member.
Please do more than just your chores for service hours though...Please!