



LIFE SCIENCE CARES



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# Holiday Helpers

JOIN FRIENDS & COLLEAGUES TO GIVE BACK THIS  
HOLIDAY SEASON

## CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY

Every year, Christmas in the City throws a spectacular, go-all-out holiday event for children living in homeless shelters.

We have "adopted" the kids the Home for Little Wanderers brings to the event and we need A LOT of volunteers to make their holidays special.



### THE PREP: SATURDAY, DEC. 15

Saturday is all about setting the stage for a wonderful party on Sunday! We are recruiting Helpers to sort toys, wrap last minute presents, and do other prep work for the big party.

THIS IS A FAMILY-FRIENDLY OPPORTUNITY! Children are welcome to participate (with an adult chaperone!)

Hours: 10 am to 1 pm

Location: Boston Convention & Exhibition Center

### THE PARTY: SUNDAY, DEC. 16

You will be working in Life Science Cares teams to make the party as special a day as possible for the children and families from The Home for Little Wanderers. You will greet and register guests, help serve them food, help them experience everything the Winter Wonderland has to offer, help every child receive a gift from their wish list and then, in the end, send them off with many warm memories.

Volunteers must be 16+.

Hours: 9:30 am-5 pm

Location: Boston Convention & Exhibition Center

### BUY A GIFT, MAKE A WISH COME TRUE

Every child that attends the party gets a gift picked out especially for them off of their wish list, which means we need almost 175+ gifts for The Home! Consider committing to buying a gift and make a wish come true! We'll receive gift requests shortly after Thanksgiving and will need the gifts to us by Dec. 14th.

REGISTER AT [Bit.ly/LSCXmas](https://bit.ly/LSCXmas)



# OTHER HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER EVENTS

## HAPPY HOPE FACTORY

**DECEMBER 4TH**

We are partnering with the Happy Hope Factory to bring Hope Kits to 4,500 children in inpatient and outpatient services this winter.

\*Great for large or small groups, or individuals! There is a cost to participate. Reach out for details.

Shifts: 1 hour shifts at 1 pm or 3 pm  
Location: 100 Tech Square

## MOCK INTERVIEWS

**DECEMBER 5TH**

Volunteers will interview 3-4 Year Up students preparing to seek their first professional jobs. No HR expertise required-- we'll provide day-of training, suggested interview questions and other support.

Shift: 1 pm to 3:30 pm  
Location: Boston (Seaport)

## COOKIN' AND CAROLIN'

**DECEMBER 19TH**

Join us for a special holiday dinner service at the CASPAR shelter in Kendall Square. We'll cook, and carol, for the shelter's 120 guests.

Shift: 2 pm- 6:30 pm  
Location: CASPAR Shelter, Cambridge  
Group size: 10 volunteers

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## IN YOUR OFFICE

### MAKE NO SEW FLEECE BLANKETS

Get your employees working together, making custom knotted fleece blankets go to the kids served in Nurtury's daycare centers.

\*Great for groups of any size! Average cost of \$10 per person to cover the cost of supplies, an additional donation of any amount to Nurtury is greatly appreciated!

### MAKE SNACKS AND SANDWICHES

Help the Somerville Backpack Program feed up to 250 local children! Make sandwiches and pack snacks for Somerville students for the weekend from your office.

### HOST A POP UP BOOKSTORE!

Support More Than Words by hosting one of their youth-run pop-up bookstores in your office. It's a two-fer-- employees can shop for holiday gifts AND support this great organization!

### QUESTIONS OR INTERESTED?

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# HOLIDAY DRIVES

There's no better way to get in to the holiday spirit (or help others to do so!) than by giving gifts to others. We have worked with our partner organizations to determine their highest needs this holiday season.

You choose what you'd like to collect at your office and when you'd like to run a drive. We'll help with marketing materials, setting targets and coordinating logistics of pickup and/or dropoff. Together, we can make this holiday season special for many of our neighbors in need!

## GIFT CARDS

Two LSC partners rely on gift cards to ensure their clients' needs are met through the holidays:

### International Institute of New England

- Amazon, Target, Primark, Marshalls: for clothes, home goods
- Roche Bros, Shaws, Stop & Shop, Market Basket: for groceries

### Food for Free

- Market Basket

*HEADS UP! In January, LSC will be collecting ANY unwanted or unused gift cards to benefit our partners. Start setting them aside now!*

## CLOTHING

Three LSC partners need clothing donated this winter:

### Cradles to Crayons

- Choose an age & gender and buy new items for an outfit pack.

### CASPAR

- Adopt-A-Neighbor and provide a homeless man or woman with new boots, jeans and underwear.

### Year Up

- Host a (new or used) coat drive for Year Up students, to ensure they are warm traveling to and from class or work.

## TOYS & GIFTS

As part of LSC's partnerships with Christmas in the City, we've committed to collect 175+ toys & gifts for kids at The Home for Little Wanderers. Contact us to pledge a gift!

## HOME GOODS

Pine Street Inn provides a basket full of home goods (sheets, towels, silverware, etc.) for each client who graduates to housing.

## BOOKS

More Than Words relies on donated books, DVDs & CDs to operate their youth run bookstore.



## SHOP WITH AN IMPACT

- Buy your office Christmas presents from Beantown Blankets! For every blanket you buy, they will donate one to a local homeless shelter. (You can have them sent to us and we will give them to our partners at CASPAR and the Pine Street Inn.)
- Have your holiday party catered by the iCater program to support Pine Street Inn!
- Buy books and gifts with a social purpose from More Than Words online.
- Buy personalized gifts for the office from The Possible Project's Made Possible.
- Whenever you buy off of Amazon, remember to go through the Amazon Smile page of your favorite nonprofit and a percentage of what you buy is donated directly to them!



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