Bar & Bat Mitzvah Projects

At Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS), our Volunteer Program will work with you to customize Bar and Bat Mitzvah projects that align with the interests and passions of your child, while helping underserved individuals in our community. Our agency helps many populations, including children and adults dealing with trauma and mental health issues, pregnant teens, the LGBTQ+ community, seniors, disabled adults, and Holocaust survivors. There are many ways for you to bring positive change to the lives of vulnerable children, youth, and adults in our community from organizing drives to putting together special kits.







Projects can be accompanied by site visits, photo opportunities, and testimonies of the impact your project has on the community.

To get started, please contact Marci Allen, Volunteer & Event Coordinator, at mallen@wjcs.com; 914-761-0600 x2207.

Founded in 1943, WJCS has been a trusted leader in behavioral health and human services, providing innovative, compassionate, and evidence-based programs to Westchester County. WJCS has over 20 locations, including clinics in Hartsdale, Mt. Vernon, Peekskill, Yonkers, and 12 public schools, mobile crisis units, support for seniors, early childhood and after-school enrichment, help for pregnant teens, academic and career resources for young adults, 12 community residences for disabled adults, programming for LGBTQ+ youth and families, support for Holocaust survivors, a food pantry, and much more. Each year, WJCS touches the lives of 20,000 residents of all ages and backgrounds, providing hope, healing, stability, and opportunity where it is needed most.

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Project Ideas

SEASONAL OPPORTUNITIES

🎁 **Have a Heart for the Holidays Gift Drive** *(October-December)*
Collect gift donations for children during the holidays.
Gifts are especially needed for teens (13-18) and young children (2-5).

🎒 **Back-to-School Drive** *(May-August)*
Donate backpacks filled with school supplies for children ages 5-12.

YEAR-ROUND OPPORTUNITIES

🧸 **Toddler Pajama Drive** for families in our Early Childhood programs

🍼 **Diaper Drive** for pregnant and parenting teens

🌟 **Mental Health Wellness Kits** for children or adults in trauma treatment

🪥 **Personal Care Kits** Hygiene and menstrual kits for teens in need

🎨 **Art Kits** for young children in our ParentChild+ program

📚 **Book Drive** for grades K-5 in our Reading Buddies program

🛒 **Food Drive** for food-insecure neighbors receiving services at our Yonkers Food Pantry

➕ **Emergency Homeless Kit** for a family facing homelessness

DONATE TO A WJCS PROGRAM

We can create a personalized volunteer experience for you and your family, such as:
Sponsoring a picnic in our Early Childhood program
Supporting our Food Pantry for a day
Funding a Holocaust survivor holiday event

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