

2026 Young Families Service Calendar

First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan

All service events will take place during Sunday School

March 15: Color A Smile + Love For Our Elders

The Activity: Kids color cheerful drawings to brighten the day of nursing home residents, homebound seniors, and overseas troops. They will also write letters and draw pictures for seniors who have been nominated to receive mail due to loneliness or isolation.

Our Partner: [Color A Smile](#) distributes millions of cheerful drawings to individuals in need of a smile, helping to combat social isolation. [Love For Our Elders](#) fights the global loneliness epidemic by connecting generations through the power of a handwritten letter.

April 19: The Confetti Foundation

The Activity: Kids create handmade birthday cards to be included in "birthday-in-a-box" kits for children who must spend their birthdays in a medical facility. Bring your creativity and some extra love!

Our Partner: [The Confetti Foundation](#) provides birthday party kits to children in hospitals, pediatric oncology clinics, and hospice facilities to ensure every child feels celebrated on their special day.

June 14: The Crayon Initiative

The Activity: A collection drive for broken or unwanted crayons from your home, school, or local restaurants. Families drop them in a central bin to be recycled into something wonderful. Start collecting now!

Our Partner: [The Crayon Initiative](#) recycles discarded crayons into new, easy-to-grip crayons for children's hospitals to support art therapy and reduce pediatric stress.

August 16: Community Cafe

The Activity: An opportunity for kids to donate and package food for the families of children hospitalized at Blythedale Children's Hospital.

Our Partner: [Blythedale Children's Hospital](#) "Community Café" offers nourishing meals to families of hospitalized children in a warm, welcoming environment. By addressing food insecurity, it eases a significant burden for vulnerable families, reduces feelings of isolation, and creates a space where caregivers can connect with others facing similar challenges.

October 18: Hygiene Kits

The Activity: Kids will assemble gallon-sized Ziploc bags with travel-sized toiletries (soap, toothbrush, socks, granola bars) to be distributed to local neighbors in need.

Our Partner: [The Salvation Army](#) and local shelters use these kits to provide immediate dignity and basic hygiene essentials to members of our community who need them most.

December 13: Soles4Souls Shoe Drive

The Activity: A donation drive for gently used shoes that children have outgrown or that are no longer being worn by family members. A perfect way to close out the year by giving to others.

Our Partner: [Soles4Souls](#) turns unwanted shoes into opportunity by providing relief to disaster victims and supporting small-business employment in developing nations.