Holiday Advent-ure! 2026

FULL PRINTABLE GUIDE | FREE KINDNESS + OPTIONAL GIVING

31 days of kindness • Martinez

Two ways to make December kinder

Every day has a FREE KINDNESS choice and OPTIONAL GIVING; both count equally. Accepted supplies go in labeled outdoor bins. Indoor school-office mailboxes accept gift cards and teacher/classroom cards during school hours; an OUTDOOR CARD MAILBOX accepts cards and artwork after hours and throughout winter break. NEVER put gift cards outside. Deadlines still apply. Shop/donate only if you choose; all free acts count.

DECEMBER 01 | One community, many helping hands

FREE KINDNESS • NO COST

Invite one neighbor or classmate to join the Holiday Advent-ure. Help someone find a FREE way to participate.

OPTIONAL GIVING

Bring shelf-stable food for Monument Crisis Center's December 3 pickup. Christmas for Everyone also welcomes canned goods, unwrapped gifts for older children, and clean used blankets; check recipient instructions before placing nonfood items in school bins.

DETAILS / COLLECTION: FOOD COLLECTION: Place approved food in labeled bins at participating schools by December 3 for Monument Crisis Center's requested afternoon pickup. Christmas for Everyone separately welcomes canned food, clean used blankets and gifts for older children; these items require correctly labeled bins and an arranged recipient handoff. The organizer handles school pickups and delivery coordination.

DECEMBER 02 | Everyone belongs

FREE KINDNESS • NO COST

Make sure everyone feels welcome today. Invite someone into a game, listen kindly, and remind them that differences make a community stronger.

OPTIONAL GIVING

Donate peanut butter, jelly or other approved nonperishables to help stock local food shelves.

DETAILS / COLLECTION: FOOD COLLECTION: Place approved nonperishable food, especially peanut butter and jelly, in designated outside school bins for organizer-coordinated pickup. The Food Bank reported that its holiday family-sort shifts were full when it replied; families can check its official volunteer page for January opportunities. Rainbow Community Center offers resources for a welcoming, inclusive community.

CURRENTLY CONFIRMED COLLECTION SCHOOLS: John Muir Elementary (JME) and John Swett Elementary (JSE).

EARLY-DECEMBER PLAN-AHEAD: ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Community Villages invited families to inquire about sponsoring a family for the holidays. This opportunity is featured alongside December 1 giving, so families have time to plan before Christmas. Ask the organization directly whether sponsorships remain available, what gifts are needed, and when and where to deliver them.
Do not place assigned family gifts in general school donation bins.

DECEMBER 03 | A big thank-you

FREE KINDNESS • NO COST
Draw a cheerful, nonreligious winter picture thanking the people who sort and deliver food to neighbors. AND/OR volunteer with Loaves and Fishes to serve a meal: ages 12–17 with a parent or guardian, any day of the week, Martinez shift 9:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Sign up through their website.

OPTIONAL GIVING
Give a small, culturally inclusive STAND! staff-appreciation gift (tea, coffee, lip balm, chocolate or similar), AND/OR a gift card with a heartfelt note.

DETAILS / COLLECTION: STAND! gifts, gift cards and notes are due by Friday, December 4 for the staff luncheon; place gift cards and notes in a collection mailbox inside a participating school office or give them to the office manager. Keep gifts separate from food donations. Monument Crisis Center food must be ready for the December 3 afternoon pickup. Loaves and Fishes: Martinez meal-service shifts are 9:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m., seven days weekly; volunteers 12–17 need an adult present and should register in advance.
ACTION LINKS: Sign up: Loaves and Fishes meal-service volunteer

DECEMBER 04 | Chalk the Walk with kindness

FREE KINDNESS • NO COST
Make kind sidewalk-chalk messages at home or volunteer at Holiday Frolic Chalk the Walk on December 4, 4:00–6:30 p.m. Meet at the City activity area next to Five Suns. Bring signed City waivers.

OPTIONAL GIVING
An optional grocery/Visa gift card can help a Jewish Family & Community Services East Bay client choose what they need most.

DETAILS / COLLECTION: Volunteer shift 4:00–6:30 p.m. includes setup/cleanup. Downtown streets close at 3:30 p.m. (not the volunteer start). Public festivities begin 4:30 p.m. Meet in the small lot beside Five Suns. City adult/minor waivers required; gift cards belong with school office staff.

DECEMBER 05 | Shop local, share a little magic

FREE KINDNESS • NO COST

With an accompanying adult, request a 30-minute Letters to Santa helper shift (1–4 p.m.) and dress festively, as requested by the host. Space is limited and shift confirmation is required. OR make a handmade kindness bookmark for a friend or younger reader at home—no signup needed.

OPTIONAL GIVING

Shop locally if you were planning to buy a gift: explore $1 used children's books at Friends of the Martinez Library, upcycled treasures at East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse (Oakland), or Blue Bare Merc. & Made. CONFIRMED: Blue Bare will give 10% back to all Martinez schools for in-store and online purchases Friday–Sunday, Dec 4–6. No purchase required to participate in Holiday Advent-ure.

DETAILS / COLLECTION: LETTERS TO SANTA: Saturday, December 5, 1–4 p.m. Volunteers should dress festively. A parent or responsible adult must remain with each child. Shift requests require confirmation. BLUE BARE: December 4–6, 10% of in-store and online sales goes back to Martinez schools. Other stores have no announced school give-back arrangement.
ACTION LINKS: Blue Bare — school give-back details

DECEMBER 06 | Letters, wishes and little helpers

FREE KINDNESS • NO COST

Volunteer with an accompanying adult at Letters to Santa, December 6, 1–4 p.m.; dress festively, as requested by the host (shift confirmation required). OR make thank-you cards or art for veterans, Hospice East Bay healthcare workers, or Tree of Lights volunteers at home.

OPTIONAL GIVING

Donate a NEW, unwrapped toy for a child or teen in foster care. All ages need gifts—don't forget teens, please! Do not bring used toys.

DETAILS / COLLECTION: LETTERS TO SANTA: Sunday, December 6, 1–4 p.m. Dress festively! Children must have an adult onsite; shift requests need confirmation. For Hospice East Bay appreciation cards, use marked card mailboxes at participating schools; the organizer coordinates delivery after recipient approval. NEW, unwrapped foster-youth toys are ideally needed before December 10. Blue Bare's optional 10% give-back continues through December 6. American Legion Post 29 suggested sending cards and artwork to veterans receiving care at the Martinez VA hospital. Families may make these at home or school and put them in card-collection mailboxes outside participating school offices. The organizer must arrange acceptance and delivery with the VA before handing them over; no VA visit or drop-off has been confirmed.
ACTION LINKS: Foster Friends volunteer and donation information

DECEMBER 07 | Small visits, lasting smiles

FREE KINDNESS • NO COST
Make handmade cards or artwork for older neighbors and bring them to Carlton Senior Living on Monday, December 7, at 3:00 p.m. Confirmed location: Creekside building on the right as you enter the parking lot. Any group size is welcome—just show up; no interest form or reservation needed.

OPTIONAL GIVING
Donate NEW, unwrapped toys and games for children of all ages, including teens. Several Holiday Advent-ure partner organizations accept toys.

DETAILS / COLLECTION: CARLTON CONFIRMED: Monday, December 7, 3:00 p.m. Creekside building Activity Room, on the RIGHT when entering the parking lot. All group sizes are welcome; no advance sign-up, reservation, or organizer confirmation is needed. Bring cards or artwork if you wish. For toy donations, use labeled school bins and follow each recipient's deadlines.
ACTION LINKS: Angels with Heart toy drive (December 12 cutoff)

DECEMBER 08 | The magic of the Martinez Library

FREE KINDNESS • NO COST
Visit the Martinez Library on Tuesday, December 8 (open 12:00–8:00 p.m.). Get a library card, check out a book, explore its free seed exchange, AND/OR check the Martinez Library events calendar for special upcoming programs.

OPTIONAL GIVING
Sponsor a requested puffy jacket or gift card through VESTIA's Angel Tree AND/OR donate used puzzles or leftover/harvested seeds to the Martinez Library. You can also donate books (hardcover/paperback; fiction, nonfiction and children's), CDs, DVDs, or audiobooks on CD to the Friends of the Martinez Library Bookstore.

DETAILS / COLLECTION: MARTINEZ LIBRARY HOURS ON TUESDAY: 12:00–8:00 p.m. The library accepts used puzzles for its puzzle exchange and leftover or garden-harvested seeds for its seed exchange. Friends Bookstore separately accepts good-condition hardcover/paperback books, fiction/nonfiction/children's books, CDs, DVDs and books on CD. Drop off during library hours; limit four boxes at a time, or call 925-646-9158 for more. Library services are free; VESTIA Angel Tree support is optional.
ACTION LINKS: Get a Contra Costa County Library card | Martinez Library events and resources

DECEMBER 09 | A little courage and a lot of care

FREE KINDNESS • NO COST
Make cheerful cards for children who need encouragement and thank-you drawings for the specially trained K9 comfort dogs who help children at the Children's Interview Center. Use gentle, non-specific messages.

OPTIONAL GIVING
Contribute a NEW toy (including options for older children), a NEW or washable handmade blanket, or appropriate supplies after checking the center's needs.

DETAILS / COLLECTION: Make cards, drawings and washable blankets at home or school. Place cards and drawings in marked card mailboxes and accepted physical donations in labeled bins at participating schools. The organizer coordinates recipient approval and delivery; do not visit or deliver directly to the confidential Children's Interview Center.
ACTION LINKS: Community Villages — contact about family sponsorship

DECEMBER 10 | Little essentials, big love

FREE KINDNESS • NO COST
Draw a cheerful picture or message for a caregiver or young child. The Nursery welcomes encouraging family artwork.

OPTIONAL GIVING
Give diapers (especially sizes 4, 5 or 6) or baby wipes in unopened packaging.

DETAILS / COLLECTION: Place unopened diapers (especially sizes 4–6) and baby wipes in clearly labeled school bins around December 10–12. This is the planned school collection period, not a published cutoff from Bay Area Crisis Nursery. Holiday Advent-ure physical collections are at participating school bins, with organizer pickup and recipient handoff as needed.

DECEMBER 11 | Thank the crews who keep us going

FREE KINDNESS • NO COST
Thank a teacher, crossing guard, cafeteria worker, mail carrier, sanitation worker, delivery driver, or another community helper with a handmade card or small gift. Use natural materials such as fallen leaves, twigs, seedpods, or pinecones when possible. AND/OR safely pick up litter with an adult, avoiding hazardous items; count or photograph what you collect to share with Public Works/Watershed.

OPTIONAL GIVING
Give a thank-you card, printable sign, or small handmade/bought gift directly to your service providers. If making a card or gift, use responsibly gathered natural materials when possible. You can also offer individually wrapped treats and/or water where safe and appropriate; never obstruct workers or routes.

DETAILS / COLLECTION: For handmade cards and gifts, try clean, naturally fallen leaves, twigs, pinecones, dried flowers, or seedpods when possible; leave living plants and wildlife habitats undisturbed. Children can also color a printable card or make gift tags. Two printable example signs (delivery drivers and garbage/sanitation drivers) are linked from the December 11 website door and included at the end of the full printable guide. Give thanks directly to service providers. With adult supervision, use gloves for litter pickup, avoid hazardous objects, and share cleanup photos or totals with Holiday Advent-ure for the County Public Works/Watershed team; explore Streets to Creeks.
ACTION LINKS: Printable color-in holiday card idea (Pinterest) | Free printable holiday gift-tag ideas (The Spruce Crafts) | Streets to Creeks — pollution prevention guide

DECEMBER 12 | A kit of caring

FREE KINDNESS • NO COST
Make an encouraging note or drawing for a hygiene-kit recipient. This is the collection/preparation day; the JME assembly is Dec 14, 3–5 p.m. You can also thank a Postal Service worker with a note.

OPTIONAL GIVING
Donate NEW, unopened travel-size or full-size hygiene products: toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, dry shampoo, lotion, body wash, deodorant, combs, wipes, SPF/sunscreen, nail clippers, washcloths and similar necessities.

DETAILS / COLLECTION: Collect clean, NEW and unopened travel-size OR full-size hygiene supplies in the labeled school donation bins. The JME Library is CONFIRMED for Monday, December 14, 3:00–5:00 p.m. for hygiene kit making; just show up. Loaves and Fishes originally suggested travel-size soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo and washcloths; the expanded collection also includes full-size products and the additional hygiene items listed here.

DECEMBER 13 | Warm hands and kind words

FREE KINDNESS • NO COST
Write one short, heartfelt encouragement note to go into a White Pony Express treat bag, using words that work across different winter celebrations.

OPTIONAL GIVING
Donate NEW winter hats, gloves, ponchos or other requested cold-weather accessories for children and adults.

DETAILS / COLLECTION: MONDAY, DECEMBER 14 COLLECTION: Place NEW hats, gloves, ponchos and winter accessories in labeled school donation bins on Monday. Place White Pony Express encouragement notes in the card-collection mailboxes outside participating school offices on Monday. Organizer will arrange pickup and recipient handoff.

DECEMBER 14 | Build a kit of kindness

FREE KINDNESS • NO COST
Join the confirmed JME Library hygiene-kit assembly December 14, 3–5 p.m. Walk in; no signup or donation is required. Or make an encouraging note for a kit recipient at home.

OPTIONAL GIVING
Bring NEW, unopened travel-size or full-size hygiene products: toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, dry shampoo, lotion, body wash, deodorant, combs, wipes, SPF/sunscreen, nail clippers, washcloths and similar necessities.

DETAILS / COLLECTION: CONFIRMED: Monday, December 14, 3:00–5:00 p.m., JME Library. Open to everyone: just show up, no reservation or event confirmation needed. Bring NEW unopened travel-size or full-size hygiene items listed above, if able; donations remain optional. Place unopened supplies in outdoor school donation bins and cards in card-collection mailboxes outside the school offices; organizer coordinates kit distribution.
ACTION LINKS: Homelessness Awareness Month resources

DECEMBER 15 | Give gently used things new purpose

FREE KINDNESS • NO COST
With a grown-up, sort clean, good-condition children's clothing, coats or baby items you already own. Place accepted donations in labeled school donation bins. Set aside anything stained, torn, broken or unsuitable for reuse; only give what you would be happy for someone to receive.

OPTIONAL GIVING
Give clean, stain-free children's shoes, clothing or towels, or optionally buy new socks or underclothes for families supported by Hillcrest.

DETAILS / COLLECTION: Donate only clean, stain-free, undamaged clothing, shoes and towels in labeled school bins. Hillcrest said Monday mornings, 9–11:30 a.m., are its preferred receiving window, but alternate arrangements may be possible. The organizer will coordinate the recipient handoff; families do not need to deliver donations themselves.

DECEMBER 16 | Greener neighborhoods, little by little

FREE KINDNESS • NO COST
Try New Leaf Collaborative's free environmental kindness: plan a home compost container, sort household waste correctly, explore the Martinez Library seed exchange, or pick up litter safely with an adult. Think about a school garden or science lesson that makes the world greener.

OPTIONAL GIVING
Give back to those who give to us: make an OPTIONAL online donation to New Leaf Collaborative to support the hands-on science lessons, school gardens and environmental education it brings to our schools.

DETAILS / COLLECTION: New Leaf Collaborative brings practical environmental learning into local science classes and school gardens. Their educators support learning by doing, in the classroom and outdoors. Thank them by trying one of their free ideas—or, if you wish, by donating online to support their work. This is not an organizer-run public cleanup event.
PEOPLE BEHIND THE KINDNESS: New Leaf Collaborative partners with local schools to bring hands-on science learning, school gardens and environmental education into students' everyday lives. It also recommends family-friendly composting, sorting and litter-prevention acts.
ACTION LINKS: Bringing Back the Natives — native-garden resources | Martinez Library programs

DECEMBER 17 | Art from the heart

FREE KINDNESS • NO COST
Make a card or decoration from reclaimed supplies already at home. Try the reuse challenge: create something lovely without shopping new.

OPTIONAL GIVING
Give NEW crayons, markers, paper or other new art materials for children in a shelter. AND/OR support RES Success with an optional monetary donation or supplies selected from its published program wish lists.

DETAILS / COLLECTION: SHELTER, Inc. needs NEW art supplies. Keep used craft supplies for your own free reuse project; do not place used items in a new-supplies collection bin. Place Holiday Advent-ure cards and drawings for this activity in a marked card collection mailbox at a participating school. The organizer handles collection and coordinates recipient delivery; do not deliver to an organization without an arrangement. RES Success offers an online donation page and public program wish lists, including a Martinez list, for anyone wishing to support its work.
ACTION LINKS: RES Success — donate online | RES Success — Martinez program wish list

DECEMBER 18 | Hello, little one

FREE KINDNESS • NO COST
Write a kind welcome card to a newborn and their caregiver; use inclusive language such as “Welcome, little one!” or “Wishing your family joy.”

OPTIONAL GIVING
Give a NEW board book for a newborn layette package.

DETAILS / COLLECTION: The hospital Auxiliary welcomes NEW board books and thoughtful newborn welcome cards. Place NEW books in designated school donation bins and cards in marked school card mailboxes. The organizer will coordinate approval and delivery; please do not make unscheduled hospital deliveries.
ACTION LINKS: Hospital Newborn Layette Project — wish list

DECEMBER 19 | A winter walk with purpose

FREE KINDNESS • NO COST
If you can attend, enjoy John Muir Land Trust’s December 19 Pacheco Marsh Winter Wonderland Wander (9–11 a.m.) at 2501 Waterfront Road. Otherwise, take a family nature walk or observe a nearby habitat.

OPTIONAL GIVING
Donate clean, excellent-condition NEW or USED kitchenware or cookware to help someone furnish a home.

DETAILS / COLLECTION: John Muir Land Trust lists a Pacheco Marsh walk for December 19, 9–11 a.m. Check its current event listing before traveling. Keep donated kitchenware clean and in excellent condition; any Contra Costa Interfaith Coalition handoff must be arranged. Pacheco Marsh meeting location: 2501 Waterfront Road. Donations intended for the school collection may be dropped off the Friday before (Dec 18) or Monday after (Dec 21); do not leave them at the hike.

DECEMBER 20 | Second chances, fresh starts

FREE KINDNESS • NO COST
Give good-condition things a second life and, if you can, visit Lamorinda Care Collective to see the community shop. Consider volunteering alongside a parent or responsible adult; find volunteer signup on the organization's website.

OPTIONAL GIVING
Donate clean clothing, unopened hygiene products, household items, canned or boxed non-expired foods, books, children's coats, and NEW toys (especially ages 3–12). Drop off in person during published hours if possible; donations at participating school bins are also available.

DETAILS / COLLECTION: LAMORINDA CARE COLLECTIVE: Volunteers operate the shop using 100% donated items; everything is FREE to those in need. They encourage people to donate in person and see the work firsthand. No advance verification is needed during posted hours: Wednesday 9:00–11:00 a.m. and Sunday 4:00–6:00 p.m. Address: 3468 Mount Diablo Blvd., Suite B100, Lafayette. Choose clean usable items, and food that is unexpired. Parents can inquire about volunteering together.
PEOPLE BEHIND THE KINDNESS: 100% volunteer-run and supported by donated items. Everything in this community shop is FREE to those in need, with dignity. In-person donations let families see its work firsthand.
ACTION LINKS: Lamorinda Care Collective — volunteer signup

DECEMBER 21 | A kitchen full of care

FREE KINDNESS • NO COST
Write a kind note for families. Community Villages may welcome December 21 helpers for food and gift distribution, but participation is still awaiting their confirmation. Do not arrive without instructions.

OPTIONAL GIVING
Give dish towels, food containers, utensils or basic cooking tools for young adults preparing for independent living.

DETAILS / COLLECTION: December 21 volunteering remains pending: Community Villages is being asked about need, location, shift times, age rules and signup. At-home encouraging cards are free and do not require registration. ILSP kitchenware donations are a separate optional activity.

DECEMBER 22 | Paws and a little extra help

FREE KINDNESS • NO COST
Make a safe cat toy with clean scrap materials at home. Give it to a friend or neighbor who has a cat, or place an approved toy in a labeled school donation bin for the Cat Chillin' Zone. You can also share a verified animal-rescue story with an adult.

OPTIONAL GIVING
OPTIONAL: Help cat rescues with supplies or online gifts. OR shop at Nob Hill Foods, 520 Center Ave., Martinez, Dec 22: PRINT the JME fundraiser flyer and have the barcode SCANNED at checkout for 20% of eligible sales back to JME.

DETAILS / COLLECTION: Choose optional cat rescue giving OR grocery shopping at Nob Hill on Dec 22. PRINT the linked JME fundraiser flyer, BRING it to 520 Center Ave., and have its BARCODE SCANNED at checkout. 20% of eligible sales supports JME, up to $5,000; excludes gift cards and in-store Starbucks. Outdoor bins accept approved pet supplies over break. No cat group visit scheduled.

DECEMBER 23 | A friend with four paws

FREE KINDNESS • NO COST
Draw an adoptable shelter dog OR cat. With a parent or guardian, share a photo of your drawing and the verified adoption profile on Holiday Advent-ure's Instagram and a suitable local parents' page to help the animal find a home. Check its profile later for adoption news.

OPTIONAL GIVING
Set aside clean, good-condition animal supplies from the county shelter's public accepted-items list.

DETAILS / COLLECTION: Outside donation bins at participating schools remain available throughout winter break. Check Contra Costa Animal Services' accepted-items list and separate clean used items from new food or supplies. A school-bin donation is not a promise of same-day recipient delivery. Holiday Advent-ure physical collections are at participating school bins, with organizer pickup and recipient handoff as needed.

DECEMBER 24 | Wild neighbors, wonderful world

FREE KINDNESS • NO COST
From home, explore Lindsay Wildlife Experience's "Living with Wildlife" tips. Choose one wildlife-friendly action your household can take—like keeping pet food inside at night.

OPTIONAL GIVING
OPTIONAL from home: donate online, purchase something from Lindsay's wish lists, or explore its Discovery Kits as a learning resource (rentals, not donations).

DETAILS / COLLECTION: AT HOME ONLY on December 24: no outing or in-person donation drop-off. Discovery Kits are rentals or educational resources, not a charitable donation option.
ACTION LINKS: Living with Wildlife | Discovery Kits | Wish lists | Donate to Lindsay Wildlife

DECEMBER 25 | Kindness from home

FREE KINDNESS • NO COST
From home, make a handmade card for a homebound or food-insecure Jewish senior. Jewish Family & Community Services East Bay (JFCS) East Bay can place approved cards into Friday meal deliveries; coordinate mailing later.

OPTIONAL GIVING
Make an OPTIONAL online gift to Friends Outside, supporting families affected by incarceration, or New Day for Children, supporting survivors of child trafficking.

DETAILS / COLLECTION: AT HOME on December 25: no event or in-person visit is scheduled. Make your card at home and place it in a marked mailbox at a participating school when convenient; the organizer coordinates accepted recipient delivery. Optional online financial gifts are separate from school collection.
ACTION LINKS: Friends Outside | New Day for Children | JFCS East Bay in-kind donations

DECEMBER 26 | Kindness for older neighbors

FREE KINDNESS • NO COST
Check in on an older neighbor, family member or friend. With an adult, offer a small task, bring in a bin or mail, make a friendly call, or spend time listening together.

OPTIONAL GIVING
OPTIONAL: support Meals on Wheels Contra Costa through its official donation website to help older neighbors receive meals and connection. No donation needed to participate.

DETAILS / COLLECTION: Support older neighbors with a free call, visit, thoughtful note, or offer of assistance. Meals on Wheels online donations are optional. No visit or collection event is scheduled for December 26.

DECEMBER 27 | Superhero kindness

FREE KINDNESS • NO COST
Draw a superhero to thank Spidey for the very important work he does bringing hope and smiles to children. You can also create an original superhero coloring page, maze, word search, or puzzle for Scottie's Gift Foundation to review. Put your creations in a marked card collection mailbox at a participating school, when available to do so.

OPTIONAL GIVING
Optional monetary donation: Support Heart of a Hero with a financial gift through its secure donation page.

DETAILS / COLLECTION: FREE: Draw a superhero to thank Spidey, and/or create a superhero coloring page, maze or puzzle for Scottie's Gift Foundation. Place artwork in the designated school card mailboxes; the organizer will collect it and coordinate recipient approval before forwarding. GIVING: This calendar features only financial donations to Heart of a Hero through the linked online donation page. No physical items are collected for this organization.
ACTION LINKS: Heart of a Hero — secure monetary donation

DECEMBER 28 | A colorful look at county services

FREE KINDNESS • NO COST

Explore how local elections and records work. The Contra Costa County Clerk-Recorder-Elections Office has offered FREE educational coloring/activity books in English and Spanish; printed copies can be arranged once quantities and delivery are coordinated. A downloadable activity-book file has not been supplied.

OPTIONAL GIVING

OPTIONAL: Love Never Fails' Paper Drive needs paper towels, tissues/Kleenex and toilet paper for its homes. Gift cards or online giving also help. Ask about current Career Closets – Tech needs.

DETAILS / COLLECTION: County Clerk: Free bilingual activity books offered; quantities and delivery still to be arranged. Love Never Fails: Paper Drive needs paper towels, tissues and toilet paper. Dec 12 Christmas volunteering may be full. Ongoing volunteering is for adults 18+; children may join future family-friendly Freedom Walk/Mile. No donation deadline stated.

DECEMBER 29 | Thank our everyday heroes

FREE KINDNESS • NO COST

Make a card or drawing for a first responder. CONFIRMED visit: Tuesday, Dec 29, 3:00 p.m. Meet at 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez. Or create a card at home for another local helper.

OPTIONAL GIVING

OPTIONAL: offer individually wrapped snacks, donuts (yes, donuts!), or gift cards toward a catered meal for first responders where department gift policies permit. A handmade card is just as meaningful.

DETAILS / COLLECTION: CONFIRMED: Dec 29 appreciation visit at 3 p.m. Meet at 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez. Bring handmade cards or drawings, or place cards earlier in school-office card mailboxes. Gift cards go to school staff or indoor supervised boxes. Optional treats depend on department policies. No separate fire/CHP visit is confirmed.

DECEMBER 30 | Small actions, healthy waterways

FREE KINDNESS • NO COST

Join the Dec 30 cleanup: Nancy Boyd Park at noon OR Hidden Lakes Park at 3 p.m. The Holiday Advent-ure organizer will be there with bags and gloves. Children need adult supervision. At-home cleanup counts too.

OPTIONAL GIVING

Make an optional online donation to AgLantis to support its volunteer-run farm growing fresh vegetables for neighbors who need food. Adults can also explore upcoming volunteer opportunities; children younger than 14 need a responsible adult with them.

DETAILS / COLLECTION: Informal public-park cleanup meetups on Wednesday, Dec 30: Nancy Boyd Park at noon and Hidden Lakes Park at 3 p.m. Organizer provides bags and gloves. Adults supervise children; never pick up sharps or hazardous litter. Not described as a city-sponsored event. Free at-home alternatives count.

DECEMBER 31 | Let kindness keep sparkling

FREE KINDNESS • NO COST

Make a January kindness promise—choose one action you can keep doing. AND/OR create a cheerful coloring page, puzzle or encouragement note for Scottie's Gift Foundation to review, using supplies already at home.

OPTIONAL GIVING

Make or donate a clean, washable handmade blanket for a child facing cancer through Scottie's Gift Foundation, or ask about its current needs. An optional online gift to another participating nonprofit is also welcome; no purchase is required.

DETAILS / COLLECTION: Scottie's Gift Foundation is featured here instead of December 16. Original art and clean washable blankets may help children facing cancer; coordinate recipient approval and accepted-item handoff. Every family may also complete the day simply by choosing a January kindness promise.

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