



## CREATIVE WAYS TO SERVE

### DIFFERENT AND WHOLLY POSSIBLE

Chronic illness can make serving in traditional or culturally familiar ways challenging, yet *not impossible*. Discover creative ways to love God and others right where you are and however you are able.

**Serving is less about *what we do* than about *why we do it*.**

We love because God first loves us. We give because our good God lavishly gives to His precious children. We serve because it is our heart's response to who God is and whom He has created us to be.

### PRAY FOR:

- the mission and ministry of Chronic Joy.
- those in the Chronic Joy community.
- healthcare and service workers.
- family and friends.
- your pastor, the volunteers of Chronic Joy, and those you know who sacrificially serve others.
- those who request prayer at the Chronic Joy Prayer Pond. ([chronic-joy.org/prayer-requests](http://chronic-joy.org/prayer-requests))

### INVEST IN CHRONIC JOY

- Give a one-time or monthly donation. ([chronic-joy.org/giving](http://chronic-joy.org/giving))
- Purchase books, flat cards, or **Service in a Box** through our website. ([chronic-joy.org/shop](http://chronic-joy.org/shop))
- Support the **You Get Mail** program. \$6 provides one envelope brimming with inspiration for one precious adult, teen, or child.
- Give a \$12 love offering for the postage of one or more of our Kindness boxes, chockful of Chronic Joy publications, flat cards, guides, and a handmade prayer shawl.



Visit [chronic-joy.org](http://chronic-joy.org) for more resources.

### GET INVOLVED

- Our **Friend-Raising** page has easy-to-use tools to help you introduce family and friends to Chronic Joy. ([chronic-joy.org/friend-raising](http://chronic-joy.org/friend-raising))
- Knit or crochet a prayer shawl or write a short prayer to be included in our Kindness Boxes. ([chronic-joy.org/prayer-shawls](http://chronic-joy.org/prayer-shawls)).
- Sign up for **You Get Mail**. ([chronic-joy.org/you-get-mail](http://chronic-joy.org/you-get-mail))
- Invite someone to subscribe to our blog so they'll receive a boost of encouragement in their inbox.

### #PENTOPAPER

- Use **Service in a Box** to write a card or note to a friend or loved one. ([chronic-joy.org/service-in-a-box](http://chronic-joy.org/service-in-a-box))
- Write cards or letters to those who are hospitalized or homebound.
- College students need a regular infusion of hope. Write to them often.
- Write to soldiers or missionaries serving overseas.



- Begin a **Ministry of Celebration!** Send birthday cards to family, friends, missionaries, college students, and neighbors. Include a birthday prayer in the envelope.
- Thank your healthcare and service providers with a note of genuine appreciation.
- Sign up as an **Ambassador of Intentional Kindness** by requesting your starter kit of #PenToPaper supplies. ([chronic-joy.org/volunteer](http://chronic-joy.org/volunteer))

### OUTSIDE THE BOX



*...love one another as I have loved you.*  
(John 15:12)

*Bear one another's burdens...*  
(Galatians 6:2)

- Audition to become a **Voice of Chronic Joy**. ([chronic-joy.org/volunteer](http://chronic-joy.org/volunteer))
- Bake cookies, muffins, or a loaf of quick bread and invite a loved one, friend, or neighbor to enjoy a sweet treat with you.
- Be a **Social Media Ambassador**. Extend the kindness and compassion of Chronic Joy every time you like, share, and comment on our posts.
- **#ConnectByText** - Send an encouraging text, email, or social media message to brighten someone's day. Include an inspiring image. We offer 1000s of *free* images. ([chronic-joy.org/free-images](http://chronic-joy.org/free-images))

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