



Community Service Ideas

Laundromat Project

Volunteers take food and quarters to local laundromats, sharing the food with people washing their clothes and feeding the machines for them.

Baby Shower for Home for Unwed Mothers

Put on a baby shower for the residents at a local home for unwed mothers.

Homebound Visitation

Volunteers visit residents at local nursing homes. Church choirs may sing for residents and visit with them.

Car Checkup

Provide simple checks of car fluids, tire pressure, and, if resources and skills allow, change oil for single mothers. This project requires some marketing in the community.

Backyard Bible Club

Gathering of children from a neighborhood for games, entertainment (e.g. puppets), and Bible story. Excellent project for teenagers.

Sewing Projects

Blankets for homeless persons. Turbans for cancer patients. Walker bags for nursing home patients. Stuffed animals to be given by police to abused children.

Wheelchair ramps

Construction of wheelchair ramp either in partnership with local agency that provides this service to elderly and/or disabled persons or as a stand-alone project by the church. Some building codes applicable.

Packaging of Foods at Food Bank

Division of large quantities of non-perishable food items into smaller quantities to be distributed by local food bank.

Assembly Projects

Assembly of packages such as hygiene kits for homeless persons, Easter baskets for children of poverty, stuffed animals for abused children, etc. usually conducted in church facilities and distributed at a later date through appropriate community agency such as local schools, homeless shelters, etc.

General Ideas:

1. Organize a recognition program for the volunteers who lead community organizations.
2. Set up a web page for a non-profit agency.
3. Volunteer to lead a club for youth.
4. Make birthday cards for the elderly.
5. Run or walk in a charity race with friends.
6. Stage a marathon to raise money for a cause.
7. Recognize veterans/law enforcement/fire fighters in your community.
8. Create and distribute a list of hotlines for kids who might need help.
9. Conduct a clothing repair or sewing workshop for needy people.
10. Collect old magazines and donate them to day care centers.
11. Quilt a blanket for newborn babies.
12. Plant a tree.
13. Donate old eyeglasses to an organization or place that recycles them for the needy.
14. Collect old clothes and donate them to foster care or the needy.
15. Start a neighborhood watch program.
16. Join a community crime prevention organization such as DARE or McGruff program.
17. Work with local government to start a victim's aid support service.
18. Create a TV or radio public service announcement against drugs and alcohol.
19. Paint over graffiti.
20. Organize a self-defense workshop.

School Activities:

21. Read to the students at GV Christian Preschool.
22. Paint a mural over graffiti.
23. Volunteer to be a teacher's aide during study hall.
24. Collect labels for education for GV Christian. Conduct a canned goods drive during a school event and donate the items to a local food bank.

Helping the Hungry and/or Homeless:

25. Collect items to deliver to homeless shelters (blankets, sheets, towels, toys, books, disposable diapers, etc.)
26. Help cook and/or serve a meal at a homeless shelter.
27. Alter and repair clothes for the needy, elderly and homeless.
28. Gather clothing from your neighbor and donate it to a local shelter or low-income schools.
29. Make "I Care" kits with combs, toothbrushes, shampoo, etc. for homeless people.
30. Help with repairs at a local homeless shelter.
31. Make a care package with mittens, socks, T-shirts, etc. for a child at a homeless shelter.
32. Collect grocery coupons to give to the GV Christian Food Bank.
33. Collect cans and food stuffs for GV Christian Food Bank.

34. Make first aid kits for homeless shelters.

For Those with Special Needs:

- 35. Clean the yard of a neighbor who cannot do it themselves.
 - 36. Volunteer to help at a Special Olympics event.
 - 37. Set up a buddy system for kids with special needs at your school.
 - 38. Raise money for Braille or large print books for blind or visually impaired people.
 - 39. Volunteer at an agency that works with children with disabilities.
 - 40. Bring toys to children in the cancer ward of Sunrise Hospital.
 - 41. Build a ramp for a person in a wheelchair so it is easier for them to get in and out of their house.
 - 42. Visit a rehabilitation center. Learn about patients with special needs. Volunteer to help.
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Neighborhood Enhancement:

- 43. Help neighbors paint and repair their homes.
 - 44. Contact Habitat for Humanity to see how you can support them in your community.
 - 45. Clean up trash in a neighborhood. Henderson provides trailer, bags and hand tools.
 - 46. Spruce up and paint the community or youth center.
 - 47. Clean an elderly neighbor's yard.
 - 48. Read aloud to a person who is visually impaired.
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The Environment:

- 49. Pick up a trail during National Trail Day in June.
 - 50. Adopt an acre of a park or a mile of roadside to keep clean.
 - 51. Clean up trash in a park.
 - 52. Collect aluminum cans and donate the money to a favorite charity.
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Senior Citizens:

- 53. Adopt a "grandfriend."
- 54. Visit a nursing home.
- 55. Clean the yard, mow the lawn or wash windows for a senior citizen.
- 56. Pick up medicine for an elderly person.
- 57. Deliver meals to homebound individuals.
- 58. Offer to pick up groceries with/for a senior citizen.
- 59. Get a group together to sing or present a play at a nursing home.
- 60. Do something creative on the holidays for the senior citizens (cook a meal, bake cookies, dress up in costumes, etc.)
- 61. Take a pet to a nursing home.
- 62. Offer to read to people in a nursing home.
- 63. Write letters to people in a nursing home, if you can't go and visit.
- 64. Help elderly with their house cleaning.

Helping Animals:

65. Volunteer at an animal shelter. Help clean up, play with the animals, or do whatever's needed to make the shelter a nicer "temporary" home for the animals.
66. Volunteer to clean out animal shelters at homeless shelter.