



## 99 Community Service Ideas

1. Hold an egg hunt for kids in a shelter.
2. Go "4-H Extreme": Try a community service activity you've never done before.
3. Form a childcare group in your community.
4. Donate time or money to your local Red Cross.
5. Create a senior prom for a local senior home.
6. Collect baby equipment and supplies for new parents w/ limited resources.
7. Fill a laundry basket with household items for a relocated homeless family.
8. Help build a Habitat for Humanity home for a low-income family.
9. Give your time to a younger child – plan a Harry Potter or other book-themed party at the local library.
10. Have a garage sale and donate the money you earn to a charity.
11. Hold a rally to encourage more young people to be involved in their communities.
12. Organize a give center where those who cannot afford gifts can get clothes, toys and other items. This is a place where people can find gifts to give to other people.
13. Mow an elderly neighbor's lawn.
14. Participate in a "walk a kid home from school" program.
15. Participate in a violence prevention project in your area.
16. Teach a card game to an elderly person.
17. Lead a bingo game for nursing home residents.
18. Plan a "private volunteer recognition party" with live music and food.
19. Repair and donate toys to a shelter.
20. Organize a mitten, hat and scarf drive.
21. Learn how to play a game such as chess and teach someone else how to play it, too.
22. Volunteer for a cause you believe in.
23. Collect, repair and donate used bikes to a community agency.
24. Make posters or displays promoting 4-H to put in local store windows.
25. Walk dogs from the local animal shelter.
26. Make sandwiches and cookies for a soup kitchen.
27. Volunteer to help at your county fair.
28. Collect pet food for an animal shelter.
29. Make, send or deliver Valentine's cards to veterans.
30. Make a quilt to give to a museum or an elderly person.
31. Collect blankets for a local shelter.
32. Arrange to donate your old working computer to an after-school program.
33. Set up a pen pal relationship with someone from another country and share ways you can help your neighborhoods.
34. If your community doesn't have a food bank, work with others to start one.
35. Visit someone who needs a friend.
36. Help train Special Olympics athletes.
37. Set up a book exchange so kids can trade books they've read for ones they haven't.
38. Learn American Sign Language and teach it to someone else.
39. Sponsor a health fair that offers free blood pressure, vision and hearing tests.
40. Hold a puppet show for hospitalized kids – make them laugh.
41. Become a library helper.
42. Organize a river cleanup.
43. Photograph a local event and donate the pictures to your local historical museum.
44. Build birdhouses and donate them to a nature center.
45. Work with the fire department on safety programs.
46. Sponsor a bike-a-thon and give away bike safety prizes.
47. Find out what a homeless shelter needs and then just "do it."

48. Connect with another club and do a joint community service activity.
49. Help a kid by helping a parent.
50. Fill bags or baskets with summer games for kids and give to a parks department.
51. Help build and fill shelves at a food bank.
52. Organize a car wash to raise money for a cause.
53. Sponsor a babysitting class for a group of middle schoolers.
54. Organize and promote a community-wide cleanup week.
55. Trick or treat for canned goods and donate the collected items to a local charity.
56. Tell someone about what you have learned in 4-H.
57. Highlight your club's community service activities on a Web site.
58. Research a community issue and create a display or flyers on it to share with community members.
59. Volunteer at your local humane society.
60. Teach seniors your dances and ask them to teach you theirs.
61. Collect used sports equipment that you can donate to families with limited resources.
62. Sponsor food drives for a domestic violence shelter.
63. Build a playground for kids with physical disabilities.
64. Teach tobacco prevention activities at a camp.
65. Deliver demonstrations on health and exercise in schools.
66. Update the signs on and refurbish a park trail.
67. Adopt an acre of rainforest.
68. Teach someone to read.
69. Improve your environment by starting an advocacy group and sharing information with your town council.
70. Make pajamas for kids at a youth center. Ask your local sheriff's department for its location.
71. Make a presentation about youth who are involved in community service activities.
72. Start a Web site for your club or group.
73. Photograph old barns and homesteads in your community.
74. Coach a youth sports team.
75. Mail your letters with stamps celebrating different ethnic cultures.
76. Donate books or personal items to teens at a local juvenile detention center.
77. Test the health of the water in your local lakes, rivers or streams.
78. Organize a senior garden.
79. Arrange a clown performance for people with special needs.
80. Organize a hunter safety program in your community.
81. Plant a tree.
82. Celebrate other cultures with art exhibits, performances and poetry readings.
83. Build flower boxes for Habitat for Humanity homes.
84. Write letters for an elderly person.
85. Raise a Leader Dog for the blind or a service dog.
86. Learn your rights and responsibilities as a citizen or resident.
87. Perform an act of kindness for a friend.
88. Give some of your allowance to a charity you believe in.
89. Deliver holiday meals to the senior citizen group.
90. Collect crazy and fun hats for kids receiving chemotherapy treatments.
91. Clip coupons and leave them at a local food pantry.
92. Help a youth worker.
93. Give away hugs.
94. Donate old eyeglasses to an organization that recycles them for people with limited resources.
95. Paint park benches.
96. Organize a "walk a kid to school day" and learn about the kids' neighborhood.
97. Identify a skill you have and use a volunteer experience to help improve it.
98. Talk to police officers to gather after-school ideas for kids and teens in the community.
99. Thank the care givers in your family – do something special for them.