

MORE COMMUNITY SERVICE IDEAS

Use these ideas as a spring-board for helping girls develop their own service projects.

- ❖ Collect books or organize a book (or video) drive, and donate the items to a local library, hospital, nursing home, etc.
- ❖ Plan a holiday party (Halloween, Thanksgiving, etc.) for a local nursing home, homeless shelter, children's hospital, etc.
- ❖ Develop a series of stories/skits to use for a storytelling hour at neighborhood library, day care center, children's hospital, etc.
- ❖ Create a games and activities, arts and crafts, music, homework or teen activities trunk to donate to a crisis center, family or teen shelter.
- ❖ Visit nursing homes or help elderly residents/neighbors. Provide entertainment; bring greeting cards and /or record life experiences of elderly.
- ❖ Plant a butterfly or hummingbird garden at a local park, nursing home, library, meeting place, etc.
- ❖ Organize a picnic in your park for senior citizens.
- ❖ Launch a park safety campaign to make your park a safer place. Test the water supply at your local park for pollutants.
- ❖ Beautify a shelter, school, place of meeting, etc.
- ❖ Participate in a community parade or event.
- ❖ Cook a meal or volunteer for a local organization that feeds the homeless (Meals on Wheels, Ronald McDonald House, etc.)
Remember: While girls are not allowed to raise money for other organizations, they can help with special events that other organizations sponsor.

“Community service not only benefits society, it enriches the lives of people who provide it. Young volunteers have higher self-esteem, perform better in school, build leadership skills, and learn how to solve community problems better than their counterparts who do not volunteer.” – *Girl Scout Research Institute*.