

Service Project Ideas

Looking for an organization to partner with to complete a service project?
Check out these 17 nationally recognized campaigns to help you get started!

Adopt a U.S. Soldier

adoptaussoldier.org

- Send a U.S. soldier or sailor a weekly letter or postcard and optional care package to a single soldier for the duration of his/her deployment.
- Register through Project Frontlines for a one-time or short-term support for a unit.

Contact: Email staff from organization under AAUSS Staff tab

Christmas Jars

Christmasjars.com

- Collect spare change throughout the year and anonymously donate to someone at Christmastime.
- Based on the novel Christmas Jars by Jason Wright.
- Share your story online.

Contact: Facebook page; Messenger: @christmasjars

Doing Good Together

doinggoodtogether.org

- Ideas for acts of kindness and service projects.
- Topics include animals, ecology, providing comfort to others and fighting poverty.

Contact: Online form under Contact Us tab

Feeding America

feedingamerica.org

- Volunteer to sort, pack and stack food at local food banks.
- Decorate paper grocery bags and host a local food donation drive.
- Find a local food bank on the Feeding America site.

Contact: Online form, sign up for email updates and text alerts

generationOn

generationon.org

- Volunteer spotlight, projects, resources.
- Special sections for kids, teens, parents/families, educators, organizations and clubs.

Contact: info@generationon.org or call 917-426-8182

Kids in Need Foundation

kinf.org

- KINF seeks donations of bulk school supplies from companies.
- Its national network of affiliate organizations accepts smaller quantities of school supplies from community members.

Contact: Find a local affiliate at kinf.org/programs/network

Little Free Library

littlefreelibrary.org

- Buy or build a library model and position it within the community to allow neighbors to donate and borrow books.
- Instructions and blueprints available.
- Register the library online to include it on their official map.

Contact: Online form under Contacts tab or call 715-690-2488

National Coalition for the Homeless

nationalhomeless.org

- Many ideas for collections to help those with no homes.
- Advocacy suggestions for older children.

Contact: info@nationalhomeless.org

Nature Conservancy

nature.org

- Protect lands and waters in the U.S.
- Search for volunteer opportunities by state by going to About Us\Volunteer.
- E-newsletter, text updates and online communities.

Contact: 800-628-6860; Nature Conservancy Facebook page

One Warm Coat

Onewarmcoat.org

- Step-by-step guide to hosting a coat drive.
- View the map of participating facilities to donate coats.

Contact: drives@onewarmcoat.org or call 877-663-9276

Operation Gratitude

operationgratitude.com

- Make paracord survival bracelets to donate to military. Complete instructions online.
- Other needs described on “How You Can Help” page:
<https://www.operationgratitude.com/can-help/>
 - Making scarves, writing thank-you letters to veterans, creating cards and sewing bandana cool-ties, etc.

Contact: <https://www.operationgratitude.com/contact-operation-gratitude/>

Project Linus

projectlinus.org

- Patterns – including directions for fleece tied blankets.
- Information about local chapters by state that will accept blanket donations.
- Links to companies that provide blanket resources (including discounts).

Contact: Email form under Contact Us tab

Red Cross Youth

redcrossyouth.org

- PDF of youth volunteer opportunities includes making thank-you cards for blood donors, assembling comfort kits for families hit by disaster and backpacks for veterans.
- Activity Guides available for some projects.

Contact: American Red Cross Youth Network Facebook group, YouthWire monthly newsletter or email Sally Yin at syyin.nyc@gmail.com

St. Baldrick's Foundation

stbaldricks.org

- Raise money or bring awareness to childhood cancer research.
- Contact the organization for tools for a head-shaving event.

Contact: Online form under Contact Us tab or call 888-899-2253

Salvation Army

salvationarmyusa.org

- Adopt a family from a local shelter for Christmas.
- Collect items from the community to donate to the Salvation Army Thrift Store.
- Cook and serve a meal at the local soup kitchen.
- Ring the bell for the local Red Kettle Campaign.

Contact: 1-800-SA-TRUCK for donations of clothing and other household items. Find local information through online search box

The Jared Box Project

thejaredbox.com

- Donate plastic storage boxes filled with small gifts, toys and games to young patients in hospitals and clinics.
- Step-by-step instructions and printable templates.

Contact: thejaredboxproject@gmail.com or 814-353-9343

Wreaths Across America

wreathsacrossamerica.org

- Volunteer to place wreath markers.
- Search by location.
- Tutorial video available on website.

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