

SERVICE IDEA GUIDE



“LET US LEAD BY SERVING OTHERS”

This guide was created from ideas submitted by sponsors, national sponsors, and National Beta staff members. The goal of this guide is to give you service ideas that can be done with low costs using donations. We hope you will find this guide useful when it comes to choosing service projects for the year, and when you want to do random acts of kindness for others.

DONATION-BASED SERVICE PROJECTS

- Host a coat drive for the homeless
- Host a sock drive for your local homeless shelter
- Host a bottled water drive for the homeless
- Host a Thanksgiving food drive for a children’s home
- Sponsor a school supply drive for a low-income school or families
- Host a hat drive for an organization that gives hats and head coverings to children with cancer
- Host a pet supply drive and collect items your local animal shelter needs
- Host a supply drive for the Children’s Shelter—Collect donations of school supplies, gently used clothing and shoes, personal hygiene items, etc. Work with the shelter to determine their greatest needs
- Host a toy drive for children in long-term hospital stays
- Host a blanket drive for seniors or the homeless
- Host a canned food drive for your local food pantry
- Raise funds to donate to the local pregnancy center in your community
- Create treat bags for the janitorial staff in your district
- Collect change to donate to local organizations in your area
- Create care packages of personal items for the homeless- Donate to your homeless shelter who can determine individuals with greatest need
- Collect personal care items to give to United States Service men and women
- Have students and teachers bring in gently used clothing items to donate or have a sale and donate the money to a charity
- Donate gently used clothing to a local charity in your community
- Sponsor adoption fees for your local pet shelter or humane society

EVENT-BASED SERVICE PROJECTS

- Have a push up-a-thon (or other type of workout/walk) to raise money for a local cause that is close to your club—Have supporters donate per pushup, mile, etc. that each member completes
- Host Bingo at a Senior Center or Nursing Home complete with Dollar Store prizes. It makes their day!
- Host a dodgeball, softball, volleyball, etc. tournament with an entry fee for spectators and participants, donate proceeds to a charitable organization
- Host a craft day with elementary students in your district
- Have a bake sale and donate the proceeds to a charitable organization
- Host a blood drive at your school
- Host a Lemonade Lollipops and Skittles (LLS) sale to benefit Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS)
- Host an Alumni dinner- Invite graduates of your school and donate admission fees to a philanthropy your school partners with
- Participate in Relay for Life
- Organize a hike or nature walk (if you are able to in your area) and bring bags to collect trash along the trails
- Organize a songfest and perform outside the windows of a nursing home

ACTIVITY-BASED SERVICE PROJECTS

- Write letters of encouragement to soldiers overseas
- Write letters of encouragement to nursing home residents
- Create colorful placements/name cards/centerpieces for nursing home residents' Thanksgiving dinner or other holidays
- Make fleece blankets for the homeless
- Create Valentine's Day cards for a children's hospital
- Create signs to put up in your school that invoke happiness and inspiration for everyone who sees them
- Volunteer to clean the football field after games or the gym after basketball games
- Head up a highway cleanup project!
- Clean up the roads around your district's schools
- Volunteer at the soup kitchen in your city
- Collect and deliver snacks to your fire or police departments
- Do yard work for an elderly neighbor
- Sponsor a high school student to attend prom
- Tutor students in your school on subjects that might be challenging to them
- Read books to kindergarteners in your district
- Write encouraging chalk messages on the sidewalks at nursing homes (if permitted)
- Distribute leaf bags and offer to assist neighbors with raking their yards
- Create a compilation of online videos to share on the school website or Facebook with encouraging words, quotes, or songs
- Gather newspapers and give to a local animal shelter to line their crates
- Make videos of reading books online for primary school students
- Call local nonprofits to find out current needs in your community
- Paint the window of a local small business to show love and support (if permitted)
- Plant a community garden

- Create a community library- Have students and teachers donate gently used books for members of the community to read and trade
- Head up a recycling program in your school- have students and teachers bring plastic and aluminum from home to recycle
- Work with a local organization to provide Christmas gifts to children who might not otherwise get anything for Christmas
- Adopt a senior and help them with grocery shopping, house chores, yard work, anything they may need help with
- Develop a Clothes Closet for your school and community- accept gently used items for anyone in need
- Sponsor a child to make their wish come true
- Create happy grams- write notes of encouragement and kindness to students and teachers in your school to lift their spirits and create a positive environment *Could also send these via email if your school is virtual
- Volunteer at a local college's sporting events- run concessions, hand out programs, clean up after the game, etc.
- Host a pantry drive for your local hospice center
- Offer dog-walking services to those who cannot give their pets the proper amount of exercise
- Decorate kindness rocks and leave inspiring messages in a garden or park
- Sell awareness ribbons and donate the proceeds to a charity- Advertise through Facebook or other social media platforms and deliver to buyer's front doors
- Collect soda can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and mail them in
- Inspiration bracelets- Get crafty and create bracelets that bring awareness to causes close to you- Advertise via social media and mail or drop them off for the buyer