

## **EXAMPLES OF COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS**

*(NOTE: STUDENTS MUST OBTAIN PARENT PERMISSION PRIOR TO ENGAGING IN ANY SUGGESTED COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES.)*

Church Activities  
School mentoring/Peer mentoring  
Citizen Corps or Emergency Preparedness Activities  
Key Club  
Hospitals  
Hospice  
Nursing Homes  
Volunteer Fire Department/Ambulance Service  
Youth Justice Council  
Police Programs  
Environmental Projects  
YMCA  
Homes for Humanity  
Preventative Drug, Alcohol, Violence, Abuse Programs  
Family Career Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)  
Red Cross (Blood Drives, Emergency Preparedness etc.)  
United Way  
Big Brothers/Big Sisters  
Adopt a Grandparent/Homebound Elderly Companion  
Adopt a Highway  
Humane Society  
Animal Shelters/Zoo  
Food Banks  
Fundraising hours for nonprofit organizations

### **John F. Kennedy Clubs/Programs which may do Community Service Activities**

1. The Architecture and Digital Arts Magnet
2. School of Advanced Studies (SAS) Program
3. Project Bold
4. Nice Buddies Association (NBA) Peer Buddy Program for General Ed. and students with disabilities
5. Teacher Careers Academy
6. ROTC
7. Leadership (ASB and Senior Council)
8. LINK Crew
9. Key Club
10. Yearbook Club
11. Sports Programs
12. Cheer/Color Guard
13. Band
14. Freshman Academy
15. Biomedical and Health Academy

**BELOW ARE SUGGESTED TASKS WHICH MAY SERVE AS COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

Make treats for a local senior home.

Improve the school grounds.

Develop and maintain a recycling program at school.

Collect food, warm clothing, toys, or personal care items for the needy. Deliver to shelters. *Remember shelters are in need of supplies all year long!*

Hold a Teddy Bear and Friends (Stuffed Animals) Drive.

Donate the collected animals to a Homeless Shelter for new arrivals. Also...check with your local police station or fire station. Many are happy to take Teddy and Friends; a teddy bear can be a comfort to children in times of distress.

Collect unused make-up, perfume and other cosmetics for a center for abused women.

Make center pieces, holiday cards, birthday cards, and notes for assisted living facilities, children hospital wards, or meals on wheels.

Donate old eye glasses to an organization or place that recycles them for the needy.

Collect old stuffed animals and dolls, clean them up, repair and then donate them.

Collect old clothes and donate them for a dress-up area at a daycare or family shelter.

Make a holiday basket for someone in need or crisis.

Write letters to service men/women.

Put together a care-package for service men/women.

Form a litter patrol on school or park ground. Pick up litter at a park.

In December contact a tree farm or nursery about donating a Christmas tree to a needy family, shelter or nursing home.

Have kids practice reading a book and read it to a younger child who needs help learning how to read; a senior citizen who will benefit from companionship or a child in a special needs classroom in your school who is learning to read.

Make a book on tape to contribute a local daycare center--or pediatric patients.

Read a newspaper to an elderly person who can no longer read the small print.

Plant produce. Donate the harvest to a local food bank.

Plant seeds. Sell the flowers or plants and donate the proceeds to a local organization in need.

Put on a play at your school, a fair or festival about local environmental or human needs issues.

## **PUT TOGETHER PACKAGES FOR A CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL!**

### **Suggestions Include:**

- **Books** - activity books, board books, human body books, pop-up books, I Spy/Look-A-Likes/Where's Waldo books, talking books, Spanish books, vinyl books (new or gently used only)
- **Small Plush animals** (brand new only)
- **Bubbles and** flavored bubbles
- **Lullaby music, sing-a-long music** (Raffi, Wee Sing, Pooh Corner, Spanish language, "Transitions" by Placenta Music, Inc.
- **Chapstick** (variety of flavors)
- **Clear plastic shoebox** size containers for craft storage and organization
- **Colored pencils**
- Decks of playing **cards** - regular
- **Gel pen** sets
- **Gift cards** for special event planning (Michael's, Target, Toys R Us, Blockbuster, and grocery stores for food activities)
- **Hair care items** (brushes, big tooth combs, No More Tangles, pony tail holders, hair clips)
- **Koosh balls**
- **Nail polish** (individually wrapped & new) and nail stickers
- Party packs of **Play-Doh**
- **Rattles** (plastic only)
- **Uno** cards
- **Word search** books

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR ANIMALS AND ANIMAL SHELTERS**

**1.** Collect and donate items on animal organizations' wish lists: Example: Paper towels, dried dog food, milk substitute, portable cages, blankets and towels, cleansers, and food bowls.

**2. Raise money** for homeless pets or sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife-- by organizing a fundraiser.

**3.** Sponsor a walk-athon, bowl-athon, read-athon, etc. backed by pledges. Donate to local shelters or animal organizations.

**4. *The following ideas are taken from the 'Kindness Category'...***

- Talk to younger children about why catching wild creatures such as frogs and turtles is not a good idea. Remind them that wild animals need to stay wild and free.
- Offer to wash an elderly or disabled neighbor's dog.
- Make nutritional treats for dogs and cats, and give them to neighbors for their pets. Make extra for animal shelters.