

3rd Vice President – Community Service Bulletin – September, 2024

Community Service is exactly what it sounds like: services that you do to benefit your community. If that sounds a little broad, it's because it is -- community service can take a lot of different forms since there's SO much you can do to help folks out in your area.

But that might leave you wondering where to start. I've put together a list of community service project ideas, organized by what you'll be doing. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. often spoke of a Beloved Community--one that requires acts of service based on justice and equal opportunities.

Whether that's collecting, teaching, volunteering, or something else, you should be able to find something to inspire you to get out there and *do*.

Collect and Donate Things for Your Community:

1. Collect grocery coupons for local food pantries to help them with costs.
2. Collect and donate non-perishable food items.
3. Collect unused makeup to donate to domestic violence shelters.
4. Collect and donate hygiene products.
5. Donate unwanted clothes

Do Things for Your Community:

1. Rake leaves for an elderly neighbor.
2. Mow your neighbor's lawn.
3. Offer dog-walking services.
4. Foster a shelter animal.
5. Take and donate photos during community events.
6. Donate blood (if you're at least 17, or 16 with parental consent).
7. Share mental health resources with your community.

Fix Things in Your Community:

1. Start a free library.
2. Place campfire safety plaques near campsites.
3. Clean up your local park.
4. Help a neighbor or community org. paint a fence or building.
5. Spruce up a run-down playground.
6. Help your neighbors with repairs.
7. Offer to patch up clothes and stuffed toys.
8. Organize books at the library.

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