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From Your Club to Your Community

## Steps of Service Learning

1. Plan a project that meets a community need. Use the community resource list and service project ideas list to get started.
2. Set goals to learn new skills as you complete the project.
3. Complete and report your project to the 4-H leader  
(A report form is in the Officer Manual.)
4. Celebrate what you did and reflect on what you learned, how you felt, and who benefited from your project.

# Service Project Ideas

*Always ask permission if you are planning a project on public property. Remember that the School Canned Food Drive does not count for your club project unless you plan and organize the project.*



- Plant flowers or a tree on community property
- Present a program for a group of senior citizens.
- Set up a recycling aluminum can box and recycle!
- Pick up trash on school grounds or clean up at the local park.
- Make tray favors for the hospital or nursing home, such as, holiday cards, bookmarks, gift baskets, a flower, brightly wrapped candy favors, etc.
- Invite a local agency to give a talk in your class, collect for their wish list.
- Help a needy family by providing gifts, a warm coat for winter, food, clothing, etc.
- Collect good, used, or new preschool books for Head Start or Home Safe.
- Tutor or read to younger students.
- Help with Habitat for Humanity—raising funds or working on a project.
- Start a HUGS program—collecting Hats, Underwear, Gloves and Socks—that can be donated to Hope, HomeSafe, or United Ministries.
- Start your own food drive for a specific charity.
- Help with a local park project, raising funds or working on the project.
- Raise fund by donating money students earn by doing chores at home or have a “walk-a-thon or bake sale and use the money to buy gifts for an Angel Tree or donate to disaster relief.
- Decorate a Christmas tree for a shut-in or senior citizen.
- Create a play or skit you can present to younger students to teach them about one of the six pillars of character or about safety.
- Collect grocery coupons to give to the food bank, HOPE Center, United Ministries, HomeSafe, Greater Faith Home, or the commodity distribution center.
- Make “Kid Kare Kits” by collecting small personal items, such as toothpaste, comb, toothbrush, pencils, candy, coloring book, cards, etc. in gallon zipper bags.
- Cut the mailing labels off of magazines that can be donated to hospital waiting rooms.
- Promote safety with posters or fliers in your school or community.
- Senior 4-H All Stars are collecting (1) empty printer ink cartridges and (2) aluminum can tabs. Your club may contribute to these projects.
- Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital has a “wish list” of items needed to cheer up patients.
- Write letters or send cards to servicemen.
- Be creative—come up with your own ideas!
- Help the homeless—contact Robertson Co. Health Council.
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## Community Resource List (partial list)

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Phone#/Web Site</u>	<u>Contact</u>
American Red Cross	384-4351	Edna Wade
Backpack Attack	jd13ld7@aol.com	Lisa Duncan
Camp Sycamore Creek	876-1615	gsemanchik@comcast.net
Child Advocacy Center	384-5885	Anita Cowan
Christian Care NH	384-7977	Edith Goodner
COPE Thrift Store	384-1465	Diane Sparks
Emergency Food Bank	384-9759	Maxine Morris
Golden Living NH	384-9565	Linda Brooks
Greater Faith Community Action (homeless shelter/soup kitchen)	384-3730	Robert Gardner
Health Council	384-0238	Catherine Clark
HomeSafe	384-8826	Sandy Uhrles
HOPE Center—White House	672-0298	Patricia Robinson
McKendree Arbors Apts.	382-5003	Christy Earheart
Morningside Assisted Living	384-7369	Rae Gilday
Nashville Union	312-1534	Tom Schmidt
NHC Nursing Home	384-8453	Linda Clifton
Open Door Pregnancy Center	384-4673	Shawn Elmore
Operation Military Kids	865-974-2128	Carrera Romanini
Orlinda Sr. Citizens Center	654-3924	Ruth Cole
Paradise Ranch	382-5616	Sharolyn Snyder
Ridgetop Haven Nursing	859-5895	Saundra Barnes
Robt. Co. History Museum	382-7173	Linda Dean
Salem Villages (adult homes)	238-5117	Celeste Armstrong
Secure Haven Homeless Shelter	382-1592	Bettye Alley
Special Olympics	382-7323	Judy Stratton
Spfld. Heights Assisted Living	212-0300	Mary Hutcherson
Springfield Sr. Citizens	384-2273	Beth Felts
Spfld. Parks & Recreation	382-1655	Tony Felts
Springfield Library	384-5123	Mary Schmidt
Toys for Tots-Fire Dept.	384-4381	Capt. Will Yates
United Ministries (food,clothes)	384-8306, 202-9860	Russell Shepard
United Way (supports many agencies)	384-8160	Michelle Powell
Vanderbilt Children's Hospital	322-0357	Child Life Asst.
White House Parks	672-4350	Adam Rider
White House Library	672-0239	Judy Speight
White Haven Assisted Living	696-2461	Naomi Head