

Ideas for Volunteering with your Family

Collections/ Drives

- Collect books to be distributed to families who may not have them.
- Collect bulbs/flowers to create a flower garden at a local shelter.
- Collect household items for immigrant families moving to your community (kitchen supplies, toiletries, school supplies, toys, etc.)
- Organize a community “closet cleaning” and donate clothes to a local shelter.
- Collect toys, school supplies or food for local families.
- Collect teddy bears and suitcases for local foster children.
- Host a pet food and supply drive for a local animal shelter.

Cleanup

- Refurbish and/or clean-up a local playground or beach.
- Pick up trash on neighborhood streets, a local park or hiking trail.
- Clean or paint a local shelter.

Fundraising

- Organize a fundraiser to help with afterschool programming.
- Hold a fundraising car wash or window washing event.

Make/ Build

- Plant a garden at a local nursing home or shelter.
- Help out at a local community garden.
- Create cards, centerpieces or art work for local senior centers, nursing homes, military, soup kitchens, etc.
- Help build bird houses or bird feeders.
- Make holiday decorations for a local non-profit.

Seniors

- Help a senior with grocery shopping.
- Play games and visit with seniors at a local nursing home.
- Perform a puppet show or play at a local nursing home or library.
- Shovel snow or rake for seniors and neighbors.
- Write letters for or to senior citizens.

Food

- Sort food at a local food bank.
- Bake cookies for a local organization or fire department.
- Deliver meals to homebound individuals.
- Prepare and/or serve food at a local soup kitchen.

Children

- Create a family story hour and read to children at a local non-profit.
- Play with children at a local neighborhood center.