

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY OHIO PROJECT IDEAS

Collection & Distribution (food, clothes, \$\$, etc.)

- Collect toys for families in need.
- Collect goodies for a homeless shelter.
- Make a canned food donation part of admission to your high school football game.
- Collect professional clothing for a job placement program.
- Collect stuffed animals for kids in the hospital.
- Collect books for area libraries and/or children's programs.
- Clip coupons and go on a shopping spree for a local shelter.
- Collect toiletry items for a shelter for women.
- Hold a benefit car wash, garage sale, or concert and donate the money to an area cause.
- Collect winter clothes for low-income families.
- Buy and install smoke detectors for those in need.
- Use money from recycled materials to purchase phone cards for troops.



Event for Specific Population (youth, elderly, homeless etc.)

- Make cards for children in a hospital.
- Take flowers to a senior citizen's home.
- Deliver food to people living with HIV/AIDS.
- Serve lunch at a soup kitchen.
- Reach out to abused women in shelters.
- Have a senior prom for residents of a nursing home.
- Take homeless/low income children on a fun field trip.
- Do a joint project with a local jail.
- Volunteer to work in a local food bank or soup kitchen.
- Make blankets for the homeless.
- Visit a retirement home or hospital.
- Help out with sports programs for people with disabilities.
- Perform a magic show for disabled youth.
- Collect baby items for a home for teen mothers.

Health and Education Awareness & Outreach

- Read to a child.
- Record books for learning disabled children or the blind.
- Hold practice job interviews for teens, college students, and adults.
- Organize a blood drive.
- Give free blood-pressure tests.
- Deliver food to people with a serious illness.
- Present educational sessions to youth on topics such as science, math, and technology.
- Tutor in a juvenile justice center.
- Volunteer in a local health clinic.



Clean-Up, Maintenance, Construction, and Yard-Work

- Build and/or repair a house or garage.
- Build shelves (and fill them) at a food bank.
- (Re)plant trees and/or bushes.
- Winterize the homes of neighbors in need.
- Clean-up, paint, or build a playground.
- Pick-up trash from an area park, creek, or walking trail.
- Paint and/or clean-up a school.
- Rake leaves in the yards of elderly neighbors.

OR . . . Call a local school, agency, library, or park and ask how you can help!!