



Community Service Opportunities

Organization/Event	Description
Operation Gratitude	From making cards or handmade items to collecting items to donate there are options for everyone! For more information visit their volunteer page here . <i>For individuals and groups.</i>
Pet Central Helps!	PCH! has wish lists under their wish list tab and have a giving quilt linked on their website occasionally for veterinary supplies. Their website can be found here . This would be a great way for clubs to fundraise or use their funds for.
Wishbone Canine Rescue	Under their DONATE tab, they have various ways to donate as well as a wish list tab. Their website can be found here . Clubs could do a dog toy drive or use club funds from a fundraiser to donate. Clubs could also reach out to see if extra household items like towels are in need.
Midwest Food Bank	There are multiple ways that clubs can participate in service projects with Midwest Food Bank. They have a variety of examples under their volunteer page including fundraising, food drives, and volunteering. <i>All of these suggestions can also be applied at a local food bank!</i>
Card Ministry Carle BroMenn Medical Center	The card ministry provides patients get well cards during their stay. They can be seasonal, holiday, or general get-well messages. This is a great activity to incorporate into a club meeting or even have individual members create them at home and then collect and send in as a group! Cards can be left at the Carle BroMenn main entrance (Attention: Sue Seibring, Volunteer Manager) or mailed to the following address: Sue Seibring, Volunteer Manager, 1304 Franklin Ave, Normal, IL 61761
Helping Hands Community Center – Food Pantry and Clothing Exchange	This organization was started and is run by a McLean County 4-H Club, Olympia Pacesetters. They always welcome youth volunteers to help in a variety of ways including sorting clothes, helping with the food pantry, and more. Members could even do a food or clothing drive at their club and bring the donations here. Contacting the center to see if there is a specific need would be helpful as well. It is located at 105 W. Boundary Street, Stanford IL. Contact: Kathy Weinzierl, 309-824-2341 or kweinzierl@gmail.com



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Recycling Furniture for Families	This is a more unique service opportunity but you can give back to families in the community by donating gently used furniture with a furniture drive. Members of all ages can help – flyer making, organizing, directing, loading furniture. Keep in mind, furniture must be gently used and transportation of furniture will be required. More information can be found on their Donate page .
Bloomington Public Library	Every month, the Bloomington Public Library hosts a Donation Day volunteer opportunity. Help in the library’s Book Shoppe with stocking and managing the collection or donate items. More information can be found on their website, here .
Project Linus	Work individually, in small groups, with family, or as an entire club to make blankets to donate to Project Linus which gives blankets to children in need. To learn more and to find the local contact information, visit their website here .
Project Oz	Project Oz serves youth and families in the community. Help them help families by collecting items on their wish list. Clubs could host an item drive in their town or within their club. Clubs could also raise funds to purchase items or use funds they already have. To learn more, you can see their wish list here .
The Center for Youth & Family Solutions	The center helps community members of all ages. They are always looking for donations for diapers, baby wipes, and formula and your club could do a collection drive for these items. Locations can be found here . You can also contact their Volunteer Coordinator, Sue Hirschman , to see if there is anything your club can do as a group.

