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# GET INSPIRED!

## Generosity starts here!

**You have a passion to help others. We have a passion to help you get started!**

We pulled together the top causes our members rallied around and some out-of-the-box project ideas for inspiration. What you do is up to you. Grab your friends and family, and have fun making your community a little more awesome!

### Explore Your Passion

### Take Action



#### Helping kids

Cut and tie snuggly fleece blankets for patients in a children's hospital.

**Seed money:** Buy materials for the blankets and activity books for the kids.



#### Celebrating others

Create "Birthday Bags" for families at local shelters.

**Seed money:** Buy party favors and items for the bags.



#### Taking care of animals

Hold a community dog wash and donate proceeds to a local animal shelter.

**Seed money:** Buy dog shampoo and mini pools for washing the dogs.



#### Giving to the homeless

Host a community-wide "sleep out" where people sleep outside for one night to raise awareness of homelessness and collect donations for a local shelter.

**Seed money:** Promote your event in a local newspaper or a school program book.



#### Making crafts

Make crafts featuring words of encouragement and surprise neighbors or nursing home residents with a little pick-me-up.

**Seed money:** Buy blank card stock, permanent markers and other supplies.



#### Teaching others

Hold a workshop for parents to learn how to teach their kids about sharing, saving and spending.

**Seed money:** Buy mini calculators participants can take home.



#### Serving as a missionary

Hold a silent auction to help support a mission trip or youth group, and ask church members and local stores to donate items.

**Seed money:** Rent a popcorn or nacho machine and sell refreshments during the event.



#### Cooking

Have a cooking class for community members and teach them to prepare easy and healthy meals on a budget.

**Seed money:** Purchase ingredients for meals so that anyone could participate.



#### Improving your school

Kick off an after-school snack program for kids who might go to bed hungry each night. Hand out snacks in bags with inspirational messages.

**Seed money:** Buy bags and snacks the school can continually send home with kids.

# Looking for more inspiration? You got it!

## Fundraiser

- Raise funds for a family with high medical bills.
- Organize a walk, run or ride for a cause.
- Hold a community garage sale for charity.
- Sell flowers or candy around Valentine's Day.
- Host a Mother's or Father's Day brunch to raise funds for a family shelter.
- Host sleigh rides or hay rides for donations.
- Have a bake sale or craft sale around the holidays.
- Sell wreaths, candles or decorations for charity.
- Wrap Christmas gifts for donations.
- Hold a "Penny Saving Challenge" at school, work or church.
- Host a salon day fundraiser (e.g., manis, hair, massage).
- Make and sell jewelry and donate funds to charity.
- Hold a Movember Mustache Challenge to raise funds for men's health.
- Help kids host a lemonade stand and teach them about donating funds.
- Organize a team sport tournament with a donation to register.



## Educational Event

- Hold a tax preparation event.
- Hold a mental health awareness night.
- Host a basic budgeting workshop.
- Host a College Planning 101 workshop.
- Teach your community about Internet safety.
- Host a home-buying workshop.
- Invite the community to a Parenting 101 workshop.
- Host a resume writing workshop.
- Hold a cultural night at your church or workplace.
- Invite the community to learn about the long-term effects of exercise.



## Service Activity

- Check smoke detectors for senior citizens.
- Build a wheelchair ramp for a neighbor in need.
- Assemble and distribute kits for new parents.
- Hold a neighborhood food, toy or supply drive.
- Coordinate a care package drive for soldiers.
- Clean up a community park or bike trail.
- Collect toiletry and make-up items for a women's shelter.
- Start a gardening program to benefit a food pantry.
- Establish a nursing home/school pen pal project.
- Collect winter coats for kids and adults.
- Box emergency meals for the homebound.
- Plan a community fair or carnival, free to attendees.
- Host an Easter egg hunt at a family shelter.
- Make pillow case dresses or shirts for kids in shelters.
- Trick or treat for canned goods.
- Hold a holiday turkey or ham drive.
- Knit hats or scarves for the homeless.
- Make bedtime bags for children at shelters.
- Make dog beds for a local rescue or shelter.
- Host a paint-a-thon for a neighbor in need.
- Collect prom dresses and suits for teens who can't afford them.
- Build a Little Free Library for your neighborhood.
- Rally parents to sponsor a classroom and collect school supplies.
- Make and serve a meal at a local homeless shelter.
- Host a baby shower to collect items for a pregnancy center.



Positive change begins by taking action.  
It's time to do something amazing.



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