



### December Service Projects Guide

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"This project impacted our club in a positive manner. It allowed our club, and our school, to come together to bring donations to a humble cause. The project went extremely well, and was very successful! We were able to raise over 100 cans! In the end, the project was fun, progressive, and successful!"

-Karl Catarata



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Welcome to the December Service Projects Guide!

This guide contains service project ideas that clubs can utilize. We hope clubs will be able to gain some insight on organizations/initiatives and shape that information into a creative service project.



## Spotlight on Service Program

The Spotlight on Service Program challenges clubs to participate in the monthly focuses to fulfill our Major Emphasis- Children, Their Future, Our Focus. Create a service project that incorporates the focus for this month.

Submit project ideas/reflections to this form [here](#) to receive recognition. Your project ideas may show up in the upcoming District Newsletter!



# DECEMBER FOCUS

The December Focus is...

## ***Providing Basic Needs***

The holiday season is a time to spend quality time with friends and families. This month, our focus is to provide basic needs to those who need our help so they can have a memorable holiday season as well. Whether that need is food, shelter, warmth, clothes, or a kind letter of appreciation, we will be making a positive difference to our communities! Read more to find some service project and fundraising ideas.

## 1. Homeless Shelters/ Soup Kitchens

As the holidays come up there are many of those who are less fortunate and helping the homeless shelters and soup kitchens is a great way to help the community. Here are some ways you can help!

### Soup Kitchens

Soup Kitchens are a great place to volunteer at because they help the homeless by providing them food, so call up local soup kitchens and ask about possible volunteer opportunities.



### Canned Food Drive and Caroling for Cans

If you are not any local soup kitchens, or volunteer opportunity, you can start a canned food drive at your school and drop it off at an organization that will distribute the cans. You can even carol around the neighborhood for cans during Christmas, and collect cans neighbors may have sitting around!



### Clothes Drive

Another drive that can help the homeless is a clothes drive. It is winter season, and it is getting colder so providing clothes to the homeless is important for their warmth.



### Blanket Making

Making fleece blankets at a meeting would be fun for the members, as well as provide warmth to the homeless.

Learn how to make fleece blankets here

[Fleece Blankets](#)



## 2.Kids' Toys Drive

Another basic need is happiness! What is a better way to put a smile on a child's face than by providing them a brand new toy they cannot afford? Here are some organizations that help with organizing kids' toys drives.

Learn more about Operation Christmas Child, how to send a shoebox package, and the nearest drop-off location near you here

[Operation Christmas Child](#)

Learn more about Toys for Tots and finding your nearest drop-off location/volunteer opportunity here

[Toys for Tots](#)

Learn more about the Salvation Army and finding your nearest drop-off location here

[The Salvation Army](#)

### Operation Christmas Child: Shoebox Package

Send a package full of gifts for a child!

- Find a shoebox
- Decide whether you want to fill the box with gifts for a girl or a boy
- Pay for the \$7 shipping fee
- Find the nearest drop-off location near you



### Toys for Tots



Toys for Tots partners with the Marine forces and brings toys to kids during the holiday season.

You can contribute to your local Toys for Tots campaign by donating a toy at one of the area toy drop locations, host a Toys for Tots event, or volunteer at the local warehouse.



### The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is determined to "doing the most good". This organization takes just about every kind of generous donation: from clothes, toys, appliances, and even vehicles (working or not). Donate to at your nearby drop-off or schedule an appointment for the Salvation Army van to come by your house.



### 3. Beads of Hope Africa



There are women in Africa who would break rocks for long laborious days and only earn \$1.50 a day. Instead they are creating bracelets out of recycled paper and trading to earn around \$250 a month for their families. Not only does this organization help these women earn a living to support their families, but they offer educational scholarships for children in Uganda. You and your club can help these women and children through Beads of Hope. This project can be completed as a fundraiser OR a service project.

If your club participates in the fundraiser, you can all earn 25% of all profits. But you must pay a deposit of \$250 on bracelets and sell all items within three weeks.

\*Bonus: If your club sells 1200 or more bracelets, there will be an iPad 2 drawing for your club. For every bracelet sold by an individual member, that individual receives one raffle ticket. EX. Bobby sold 90 bracelets out of the 1200 bracelets sold by that club and so he will receive 90 raffle tickets to go into the drawing.

If your clubs does a service project, the club can earn one service hour for every one or so bracelet sold. Since this is a service project, the organization will loan your club all bracelets (no deposit required) and then the money made and any unsold bracelets can be sent back to them.

Learn more about Beads of  
Hope Africa here

[Beads of Hope Africa](#)

## 4. Technology Safekey

Technology Safekey is program that was created by the CNH Communications and Marketing Committee to give members the tools to understand the effects of technology, protect themselves from harm, and have a brighter future. The main goals are to help educate the youth about online safety, provide information on hazards of unsafe browsing, and teach students how to safely utilize the Internet. One main topic that it focuses on is the act of cyber bullying and how we can prevent it. You can get involved by presenting a workshop with an informational power point and interactive activities such as a skit to make a lasting impression on how important online safety is.

Watch the Technology Safekey Video here

[Technology Safekey Video](#)

Access the Guide here

[Technology Safekey Guide](#)

## 5. Military

There are thousands of men and women that serve in the army today. Give back to these awesome people by writing letters, sending care packages, knitting scarves, or donating for their current needs such as electric bills and medical care through Operation Gratitude and Operation Homefront.

Learn more about organizations  
Operation Gratitude and  
Operation Homefront here

[Operation Gratitude](#)

[Operation Homefront](#)

## 6. Seasonal Fundraising Ideas



### **Gingerbread House Making**

Combine holiday traditions with an opportunity for others to donate to a charity by building a gingerbread house!

You can either purchase or have gingerbread house kits or supplies donated. Then in a local revenue or community center, hold your event where participants pay a price to build a gingerbread house and drink hot chocolate. I highly encourage you invite Kiwanis Family, especially K-kids!

### **Gift Wrapping Service**

During the holiday season no one has time to wrap their own presents so this is where your club can come to the rescue! Ask local companies and/or stores if you can set up a table where Key Clubbers wrap customers' gifts for a set price depending on size, amount of gifts, and wrapping paper.

