



Read, Right & Run Marathon®

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COMMUNITY SERVICE IDEAS!

GO! St. Louis encourages children to become involved and make a difference in their community. Children may “right” the community by performing 26 good deeds such as collecting canned goods, cleaning up the environment, or tending to the less fortunate. The older the student, the more we should expect from them. For example, a first-grader may count setting the table for her family as a good deed, but a seventh-grader may want one of his good deeds to be organizing a bake sale to benefit a local charity.

Kindergarten – 3rd Grade:

At Home:

- ◆ Set the table for dinner ◆
- ◆ Take out the trash ◆
- ◆ Clean up your room ◆
- ◆ Wash the dishes ◆

Donations (get permission from your mom or dad!):

- ◆ Donate your old clothes or toys to an organization like Goodwill or Salvation Army ◆

4th & 5th Grade:

At Home:

- ◆ Help mom or dad cook a healthy meal ◆
- ◆ Do one of your chores without asking ◆
- ◆ Spend a Saturday cleaning up your entire house ◆
- ◆ Rake leaves or shovel snow for an elderly neighbor ◆
- ◆ Baby-sit for free ◆
- ◆ Collect all the newspapers in your house and take them to a recycling center ◆

Donations and Volunteering:

- ◆ Organize a clothing, book, or toy drive at your school ◆
- ◆ Organize a fundraiser for a local charity: bake sale; car wash; garage sale, etc. ◆

6th - 8th Grade:

St. Patrick's Center:

The Center requires volunteers under the age of 16 to be accompanied by an adult. Volunteer programs vary from collecting socks and shoes, to making sandwiches for the Centers Mobile Outreach program.

Call 314.802.1987 or check out their website at: www.stpatrickcenter.org/organization/general.html

Guardian Angel Settlement Association:

Either individually or with a parent, there are many volunteer activities for middle schoolers. Tasks range from assisting in the thrift store, working in the food pantry warehouse and childcare center, collecting canned goods, or helping with their Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Drives.

Call 314.231.3188 or search their website at: www.guardianangelsettlement.org/Volunteer.htm

Operation Food Search

Middle-school-aged children can work by themselves or with a parent in the food warehouse. Children are asked to sort, bag, and package canned goods. Call 314.726.5355, or search their website at: www.ofsearch.org

Homeless Shelters / Sunshine Ministries

Desperately in need of food for their food pantry. They especially need items like: cereal, pasta, rice, crackers & cake mixes. This is a great service project any time but especially around the holidays.

Contact: 314.231.8209 or www.sunshineministries.org

St. Louis County Parks Department's "Save the Environment" Volunteer program:

A child accompanied by an adult can help remove bushy honeysuckle that destroys forests.

Call 314-638-2100, or download an application at: www.co.st-louis.mo.us/parks/volunteer/volunteer.html

Operation Brightside's Environmental Youth Corps:

Children accompanied with adults can participate in cleaning up city neighborhoods, or help garden in city parks.

Call 314.722.4646 or search: stlouis.missouri.org/501c/brightside

Forest Park Forever:

Children accompanied by adults remove honeysuckle within the Kennedy Woods section of Forest Park. Group clean up typically begins around mid-November. Call 314.367.7275 x14 or

search: www.forestparkforever.org/HTML/support/volunteer.html

Red Cross Youth Corps:

Youths and young adults between the ages of 12-24 are trained in a variety of areas such as:

HIV/AIDS Education, First Aid/CPR, Aquatics, Children's Programs, Disaster Services or

International Services. Call 314.516.2876 or browse their website:

www.redcrossstl.org/public/volunteer_services/volunteer_youthcorps.htm

KidSmart:

Middle schoolers are encouraged to organize a school supplies drive and donate pens, paper and pencils to other schools. Call 314.291.6211 or search: www.kidsmartstl.com

Animal Shelters

Be a voice for the thousands of homeless animals. Develop new skills, gain valuable work experience. Have fun doing something good for homeless animals. For more information: www.apamo.org

Libraries

Need your help re-shelving books, running children's programs, making books available to the community.

Contact a local library for volunteer opportunities at: www.slpl.org/index.asp and www.slcl.lib.mo.us

*Out of ideas? Call the United Way Volunteer Center at 314.539.4284 and
find out how you can make a difference!*