



Youth Projects for Community Service Hours

Community Solutions offers **three types of volunteer projects for youths that, upon approval and completion, can meet** community service hour requirements.

In order to qualify students must:

- Submit a completed Youth Project Form for approval prior to beginning any project. To obtain a Youth Project Form, please contact our Community Relations Specialist at volunteer@communitysolutions.org
- Meet all agency guidelines and deadlines identified for the project
 - Per our agency guidelines, **we cannot authorize volunteers/youths to contact local small businesses or large corporations on behalf of Community Solutions.** We may have already approached or be working with those organizations and we don't want donation requests to cross-over with our current donors.
 - Fliers or signs for any donation collection can identify Community Solutions as the recipient of the donations but cannot include the agency logo.

Three Project Options:

1. Collect gently used items to refurbish/refresh and donate
2. Collect new items to donate
3. Plan & implement an activity to raise money and purchase new items to donate

Project Option #1 – Collect used items to refurbish/refresh and donate

1. Select an item or items from this list that you would like to collect for your project:

Family games (Monopoly, Candy Land, etc.)

Sports equipment (balls, bats, mitts, Frisbees, cleats, etc.)

Backpacks

Children's books

Blankets

Baby items (toys, strollers, carriers, walkers, activity saucers, etc.)

Toddler and kids toys

Clothing: Baby clothes, Children's clothes (sizes 5T-6 are most needed), Shoes, Jackets

2. Refurbish/Refresh the items:

As part of your project you will need to sort through your collected donations and make sure they are in good/gently-used condition, clean and have all the parts needed.

For example: If you are collecting family games you will need to double check and ensure that each game you will be donating has all of the pieces needed to play. If you are collecting backpacks, clothes or blankets, you will need to wash them and make sure they are in good condition (no stains or unintended holes, etc.)

3. Plan your project (this is an important part of your project and time spent on planning counts toward your volunteer hours):
- a. How and who will you be approaching to collect items for your project?
 - b. Will you contact family and friends via email or social media?
 - c. Will you approach an organization you belong to such as; your church or a club, and ask for their participation?
 - d. Or do you have another idea that you will submit for approval?

Project Option #2 – Collect new items to donate

1. Select an item or items from this list that you would like to collect for your project:

Socks in all sizes

Full-size hygiene products (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, shower gel, etc.)

Baby items (diapers in large sizes, wipes, teething toys, soft bedtime toys, etc.)

Journals

Coloring books & crayons, Art sets

Bath towels, Blankets

Backpacks / School Supplies

Children's books

Toddler and kids toys (dolls, action figures, trucks, Legos, etc.),

Clothing: Baby clothes, Children's clothes, Jackets

2. Plan your project (this is an important part of your project and time spent on planning counts toward your volunteer hours):
- a. How and who will you be approaching to collect items for your project?
 - b. Will you contact family and friends via email or social media?
 - c. Will you approach an organization you belong to such as; your church or a club, and ask for their participation?
 - d. Or do you have another idea that you will submit for approval?

Project Option #3 – Plan & implement an activity to raise money and purchase new items to donate

1. Select an item or items from this list that you would like to collect funds for to purchase for your project:

Diapers (especially large sizes) and baby wipes

Grocery store gift cards (Walmart or Safeway)
Gift cards for a fun experience (movie passes, bowling passes, aquatic center passes, etc.)
Socks (all sizes)
Cleaning supplies (toilet cleaner, laundry soap, bathroom cleaner)
Hygiene products (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, shower gel, etc.)
Backpacks and school supplies
Coloring books & crayons, craft sets
Blankets

2. Plan your project (this is an important part of your project and time spent on planning counts toward your volunteer hours):
 - a. To raise money will you have a bake sale or garage sale? Or do you have another idea that you will submit for approval?
 - b. How and who will you be approaching to raise money for your project?
 - c. Will you contact family and friends via email or social media?
 - d. Will you approach an organization you belong to such as; your church or a club, and ask for their participation?

Thank you for your interest in doing a project that will help families and children in our community!

Please contact our Community Relations Specialist to request the Youth Project Form and/or if you have any questions: volunteer@communitysolutions.org

As a reminder, in order for us to sign-off on youth hours a Youth Project Form must be submitted and approved by Community Solutions prior to starting your project.