

## Community Service Contacts

Part of being a good citizen involves helping others in your community, state, country, or around the world. Because of its importance and the direct correlation with our curriculum, outstanding acts of community service above and beyond the minimum required hours will earn extra credit points in Civics.

### *Links*

Your parents must assist you while searching these websites. In some cases, you will type in your zip code. Please check the requirements, especially age, before you AND your parent contact the individual(s) in charge.

For volunteer opportunities, refer to the **Directory of Youth Service Learning Opportunities** by the Volunteer Center of Fairfax County, Inc., 10530 Page Avenue, Fairfax, Virginia 22030.

The telephone number is 703-246-3460; their web site is

<http://www.volunteerfairfax.org>

The organizations listed in the Directory ask that students plan to volunteer at least fifteen hours during the school year.

This is the actual search site for volunteer opportunities:

<http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=117>

Fairfax County Park Authority - lots of parks.

**Two of the best to volunteer at are Riverbend and Walney.**

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/volunteer.htm>

New site to search for volunteer opportunities

[www.Volunteermatch.org](http://www.Volunteermatch.org)

Red Cross

<http://www.redcrossnca.org/>

Special Olympics

<http://www.specialolympicsva.org/volunteer.htm>

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Students in Service to America

<http://www.studentsinservicetoamerica.org/>

USA Freedom Corps -- President Bush's community service initiative

<http://www.usafreedomcorps.gov/>

Or, you may contact one of these organizations or one of your own choosing:

Our Daily Bread	(703)273-8829
Food For Others	(703)207-9173
Calvary Women's Services	(202)783-6651
Clock Tower Thrift Shop	(703)237-1910
Reston Interfaith	<a href="http://www.restoninterfaith.org">www.restoninterfaith.org</a>
Western Fairfax Christian Ministry	(703)988-9656
The Closet Thrift Shop	(703)437-7652
The Bargain Loft	(703)437-0600
Manor Care	(703)352-7172
Embry Rucker Shelter	(703)437-1975
Petco - Pet Adoption Services	
Fairfax County Park Authority	
Fairfax County Public Library	
Herndon Elementary PTA	
Dranesville Elementary PTA	
Hutchinson Elementary PTA	

# SERVICE PROJECT IDEAS

## Service in the School

- Contract with a **teacher** or other member of the faculty or staff to help after school one day per week
- Contract with a **custodian** to help after school one day per week
- Take part in the Peer to Peer **tutoring program** every Thursday in the library.
- Plan and carry out a **fundraising activity** that will benefit the school
- Provide a **buddy system** for new students
- Create a **directory** for students – listing libraries, sports programs, and community service opportunities near the school
- Other ideas: \_\_\_\_\_

## Service in Your Neighborhood or Community

### Contract with a **hospital**:

- Draw pictures to brighten rooms
- Record original stories for patients
- Read/sing to young/old patients

### Contract with a **library**:

- Repair worn books
- Make and distribute bookmarks
- Host story hours for younger children

### Contract with a **homeless shelter**:

- Hold a blanket or coat drive
- Make and decorate knapsacks or baby quilts
- Bake cookies, or make and donate other food
- Help with food distribution

### Contract with a **day care or senior center**:

- Be a companion to a child or an elderly person
- Collaborate on story or joke books for hospitalized children

### Improve your **neighborhood**:

- Start a graffiti watch and clean up
- Plant and care for trees, flowers, etc.
- Pick up trash along a roadside
- Help an elderly or handicapped neighbor with his/her yard work, shovel snow, or rake leaves, get the mail, cook a meal, shop.

