

# 100 SERVICE IDEAS IN 2026

## **Community service ideas for kids**

- Make cards for orphans at our mission partner Psalm 82:3 in Liberia.
- Offer to read to seniors at our mission partner Mason Christian Village.
- Volunteer to help an elderly neighbor with chores.
- Donate gently used clothes/toys to charity.
- Pick up litter at a local park.
- Write cards to military service members.
- Make a "New to Our School" guidebook for new kids at school.
- Take cookies to local firehouse and police department.
- Offer water bottles and snacks to sanitation workers.
- Choose foods at the grocery store to donate to our mission partner Milford Miami Ministry.
- Make "You ARE AWESOME!" cards and give them to cashiers, baristas, delivery people, or anyone else you meet.
- Give a thank-you note with gift card to your mail carrier.
- Make cardboard signs with encouraging messages and welcome people home at the end of the day in your neighborhood.
- Host a lemonade/hot chocolate stand for a special cause like our mission partner Happy Church.
- Invite someone new to play during recess.
- Participate in a local charity walk.
- Decorate placemats for Meals on Wheels.
- Wash a neighbor's car for free.
- Take flowers to a widow or single mom.
- Recycle bottles and donate the proceeds to church..
- Donate hair to an organization that makes wigs for kids who have cancer.
- Greet new neighbors with a gift package filled with local goods and a note.

## **Community service ideas for teens**

- Rake leaves or shovel snow for a neighbor.
- Tend to a neighborhood garden.
- Tutor elementary school children in your neighborhood.
- Be a "grand-friend" to a senior in your area.
- Host a bake sale or hot chocolate stand to help raise money for camp this summer.
- Offer to read books/magazine articles to seniors at our mission partner Mason Christian Village.
- Create craft kits or activity sets for kids in hospitals or homeless shelters.
- Volunteer for kids ministry at church.

Serve or prepare food at a soup kitchen.

Run a local non-profit or community organization's social media accounts.

Organize a walk or run for charity.

Become a conversation volunteer for people learning English.

Host a group clean-up day at a park or beach.

Give out baked goods with invites to church in the lobby of a hospital.

Clean up and help maintain a local hiking trail.

Sign up to volunteer at Milford Miami Ministry to help stock shelves.

Perform live music at a senior center (or anywhere else that would appreciate it).

Host a school campus clean-up day.

Teach computer skills to seniors.

Invite a student sitting alone at lunch to sit with you.

Paint a mural (with permission!) or beautify a public space.

Write encouragement notes to teens at our mission partner Happy Church.

Coach a youth sports team.

Babysit for a neighbor in need.

Sell unwanted clothes/shoes/coats and donate the money to help with benevolent care at church.

### **Community service ideas for adults**

Deliver meals for Meals on Wheels.

Volunteer to help sort donations at our mission partner Milford Miami Ministry.

Become a mentor to a student or help in the kitchen for our Whiz Kids program.

Deliver groceries to someone in need.

Become CPR certified.

Volunteer as a poll worker on election day.

Establish a day of service at your workplace.

Jump in and volunteer on a long-term basis here at Eastside.

Offer job interview training at a community center.

Start a neighborhood welcome committee.

Bring surplus food donations from local restaurants and grocers to a nearby food bank.

Take weekly walks in your neighborhood and make it a goal to meet someone new each time.

Teach an ESL class at a local school or library.

Help neighbors clean up after a natural disaster or storm.

Drive seniors to doctors appointments.

Host a coat drive at your workplace or a local business.

Volunteer for a reading program for kids at your local library.

Assemble bags of socks, snacks, and other essentials to give to the homeless.

Teach a class at a community center.

Quilt or knit blankets for local hospitals, NICUs, or hospice centers.

Foster a cat or dog.

Help train a service dog.

### **Virtual community service ideas**

Read books with a buddy on StoriTime.

Start a Pay It Forward or Buy Nothing group for your neighborhood on Facebook.

Volunteer as a crisis counselor for a crisis hotline.

Help people who are blind or have low vision via video chat using Be My Eyes.

Become a translator for important causes through Translators Without Borders.

Start a positive-news-only Instagram account for people in your community.

Conduct mock interviews on video chat.

Convert public domain books into ebooks with Distributed Proofreaders.

Use your professional skills to help a non-profit through Catch a Fire.

Become an online volunteer listener through 7Cups.

Tutor students on video chat.

Help others at work by becoming a peer counselor with *Empower Work*.

Archive historical documents for the Smithsonian Institute.

Host a donations drive on Facebook for your birthday.

Drop off baked goods for teachers and staff at local school once a month.

Support victims of sexual assault by becoming a crisis counselor with *RAINN*.

Teach a skill to a local Girl or Boy Scouts group on video chat.

Volunteer to be a room host for our online Sunday services.

Write positive reviews to help local businesses.

Write supportive messages to healthcare workers.

Become an adoption photographer for *Together We Rise*