

## Group Ideas Compiled From Previous Submitted Projects

### Collections

- Food and/or paper projects for local food pantries
- Items for Thanksgiving or Christmas baskets
- “Pennies from Heaven” collected at each meeting for therapy center or other organization of choice
- Gifts for residents of nursing homes
- Items for battered women shelters

### Collations and Compilations

- Listing of those who have taught in a particular school district from its beginnings
- Information on one-room schools
- Local history facts, biographies and pictures

### Personal Involvement

- Providing books to children that convey a realistic and positive view of growing older
- Story time with children with disabilities
- Participation in literacy programs visiting retired teachers in nursing homes
- Volunteering in classrooms: reading to children, tutoring, paper grading, etc.
- Parties for senior citizens, with games, etc. (could have prizes such as health, personal or household items)
- Productions or historic reenactments of former times
- Record keeping of children’s immunizations and booster shots for local board of health
- Competition judges
- Convention registration and/or city tours
- Museum docents
- Ticket takers for civic or school activities
- Salvation Army bell ringers
- Adopt a highway
- Help restore historical buildings
- Work with Habitat for Humanity planting tree seedlings on Arbor Day
- Phone calls (Red Cross, MS, MD, Cancer or other Societies such as Easter Seals or for local RTA)
- Provide transportation for appointments and other occasions.

### Ideas from Locals and Groups

## Gifts Provided through Local RTA

- Scholarships
- Fees to help send disabled or underprivileged children to camp
- Monetary incentives to high school students for volunteer work or school attendance
- Books for new mothers
- Special gifts for needy children
- Pencil for each first-grade child, personal items for girls' home
- Assistance to elderly individuals with rent, property taxes, heat, cooling fans, et

## Ideas Presented By Local Chapters to Benefit Individuals

- Send cards for many occasions – birthdays, Christmas, etc.
- Make phone calls and visits
- Take small gifts of food, flowers, stamps, and stationery, toiletries, greeting cards for the person to send to others, crossword puzzles, bags of potpourri, and books on tape
- Pick up members who can no longer drive themselves to the local meeting, or arrange for a nursing or retirement home's van to bring members to a meeting
- Hold one or more meetings at a local nursing home or retirement home where retired teachers live
- Read, sing, play piano and other instruments
- Take dictation of letters and address cards or other correspondence
- Make computer labels for cards or letters such as a Christmas card list
- Pick a specific person to keep in touch with – a “member partner” or “member buddy”
- Have mini workshops on long-term care, prescription drugs, etc.
- Set up a rotating committee to call shut-ins on a regular basis for safety checks
- Appoint a local chaplain to oversee the program
- Give an honorary membership when members reach a certain age
- Purchase and give emergency lights to shut-in members
- Use a questionnaire to find out from your members who needs care and attention.
- Use volunteers to do this work

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