

Group Ideas Compiled from Previous Submitted Projects

Collections

- Food and/or paper projects for local food pantries
- Items for Thanksgiving or Christmas baskets
- Magazines for hospitals or nursing homes
- "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 on-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 handicapped children
- Participation in illiteracy 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)
- Thank you cards printed for members to hand to parents when they are observed correctly disciplining their children in public places ("Your good job as parents will

help classroom teachers help both your children and their classmates have a good learning environment")

Gifts Provided through Local RTA's

Scholarships

Fees to help send handicapped 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, etc.

IDEAS PRESENTED BY LOCAL FOR 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.

It can also be used to get volunteers to do this work.