



PEOPLE

## Disaster Relief/Emergency Preparedness

### Service Project Ideas

Listed below are some service project ideas addressing the issues of Disaster Relief and Emergency Preparedness. If you decide to do one of them, be sure to check with the non-profit organization you are planning to work with to make sure the project would be something that they could use. We will add more project ideas as we find them.

**Sending Love** - When people are going through hard times, it helps a lot to get messages of love and support. If you have seen on the news that there are people who are sad or need help, you can use this project to show you care. Take a few minutes of time with kids and teens to spread awareness for those in need, and empower your them to do something about it.

**Comfort Bag** – Create a kit for children who have lost their home because of a disaster or other life event. Items that you might include in the bag: Water bottles, Single-serving snack packages, Stationery for letters, Books, Stuffed animals, and Blankets or sweatshirts. Put the items in a One-gallon resealable plastic bag and include a note of encouragement.

**Smoke Detector Awareness Campaign** – Create a campaign to remind people how important it is to check the batteries in your smoke detectors. You can also collect 9-Volt Batteries to donate or giveaway to people to have them change their batteries in their smoke detectors.

**Blankets** – You can collect blankets or purchase the material to make no-sew blankets. This is a wonderful way to help evacuees after a natural disaster. You can search for locations that need bedding using the FEMA database. You can create a special note to be tied around a rolled up blanket.

**Supply Drive** – Collect items to ship out to an organization that will make sure it gets to people that need it