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Homelessness/Poverty Service Project Ideas

Listed below are some service project ideas addressing the issues of Homelessness and Poverty. 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.

Birthday Bags – Create bags or boxes with items that someone would need to celebrate their birthday. Many times families that are homeless or dealing with poverty issues may not have the money to purchase items like cake mix to celebrate a birthday. Decorate the bag or box and include things you might find at a birthday party.

Holiday Care Packages – Create a care package to celebrate a holiday for children who might not get much. Include small item and a note that might brighten their day.

Sports Equipment Drive – Organize a drive of gently used sports equipment to donate to a program, school, or shelter that has students that might not have access to sports equipment.

Teen Toiletry Kits – Use a new pillowcase and use it to hold toiletry items that a teen in foster care or dealing with homelessness might need. Tie a ribbon around the case to close it and attach a nice note.

Blanket Bundles – You can collect blankets or purchase the material to make no-sew blankets. After completing them, roll them up and wrap them up in a hug by creating a pair of arms to encircle the blanket with a special note you created secured in the hands of the hug.

Activity Bags – Create a simple activity bag for children who are dealing with homelessness. It might include a coloring book or activity book that you create from free printable coloring and activity pages from the internet or ones that you create yourself. Include an uplifting note.

Back-to-School Drive – Do a school supply drive to donate to the children who are dealing with poverty and might not be able to afford the supplies they need for school. It might include pencils, glue, scissors, crayons, etc...

Bake Bread – bake bread or muffins wrapped in notes of HOPE, INSPIRATION or GRATITUDE to honor our heroes and help those in need. Donate to an organization that can distribute for you.

Make Sandwiches – get supplies to make sandwiches for a shelter.

Sort Clothing - students go to a clothing bank and help to organize and prepare clothing at the warehouse

Clothing Drive - students conduct a drive at school to collect gently used/ new clothes to donate to a local organization

Baskets of Basics - purchase items and assemble "baskets" of basic household items to be donated to organizations and given to individuals who are moving into "long term temporary housing"