

# COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT LEADER

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**Who Can Do This Job:** Any parent, senior member, or leader.

**Time Commitment:** 10 or more hours. The time required to plan and run this event will depend on the type of community service, the size of your club, and on the number of community service projects your club does.

**Description of Event:** Typically clubs will take on several projects that have benefit on their communities. Think food drives, fundraisers for the hospitals, visiting seniors, painting your community hall, sending cards to Canadian troops. . . the possibilities are endless, as the needs of the community are high. Members are only required to do one community service project each year, but should try and participate in as many as they can.

**Deadline:** Member must complete at least one Community Service Project by the time of their club's Achievement Day.

## To Do List:

- Facilitate the members in deciding what community project(s) they would like to do. This is usually done during the club's regular meetings.
- Assist members in planning the project (perhaps coordinate a Community Project committee made up of members). Depending on what type of activity you are planning some things to consider are:
  - Budget
  - Job Assignments
  - Transportation
  - Supplies
  - Advertising
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- Maintain records of which members have completed their Community Service Project participation requirement for the year.
- Follow up with members who could not attend and find ways for them to complete the project (or hold more than one event).
- After the event encourage members to reflect on their role in the event through discussion or writing.

## Optional To Do List:

- Have your club reporter send a press release about your Community Service Project(s) to local media (including your District's 4-H Specialist) both before and after the event.
- Assign someone to be the photographer for the event and have them send photos ASAP to the club reporter so that they can be used in press releases.
- Apply for the Brookville Club Community Service Award, handed out at the February Awards Banquet.

## Examples of Community Service Projects:

- Charity Fundraiser – car wash, bake sale, benefit dance, variety show, bingo, etc.
- Community Beautification – plant a community garden, paint a mural, road side clean-up, etc.
- Make Something! – knits scarves for the homeless, bake Christmas cookies for a soup kitchen, build houses for feral cats, prepare and deliver a diner for shut-ins living in the community, etc.
- Be Environmental – host a beach sweep, put on a play to teach children in your community ways to be environmentally friendly, organize a community swap meet, tree planting, etc.
- Promote Community Togetherness – host a square dance, go Christmas caroling, organize an ice skating party, help out at a community event such as sporting event, fair, or festival, etc.
- See a list of ideas on the 4-H PEI Website under "Clubs"