

Community Service Activity Ideas

<u>Age Group</u>			<u>Activity</u>	<u>Website</u>
ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE	HIGH	<b>Bake Sale:</b> Have baked goods donated from the homes of the kids or from around the community and sell them to the community	
		HIGH	<b>Community Cook-off:</b> All members of community invited, prizes for best dishes. Attendees pay small fee for food/attendance, fee for table, and/or donate proceeds to hunger/poverty cause or community.	<a href="http://www.eastpointtribcookoff.com">www.eastpointtribcookoff.com</a>
ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE	HIGH	<b>Creative Outreach:</b> This may involve taking photographs in impoverished areas; clipping articles from regional magazines or newspapers and assembling them into a notebook or poster presentation; using artistic abilities of their own, such as painting, drawing or sewing to express their own feelings about the problem of hunger and poverty; or writing a poem or short story to express their encounters with the problem.	
ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE	HIGH	<b>Day in Another Country:</b> students research what life is like in another country. Then have a day to present. Set up areas like another country, include items such as foods, music, crafts, sports, etc. Get creative!	
ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE	HIGH	<b>Dance-A-Thon:</b> Youth can get sponsors who pay them for every hour they dance.	
ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE	HIGH	<b>Educate to Raise Awareness</b> (talk to others) Older kids educating younger kids can be very powerful	<a href="http://www.kidscanmakeadifference.org">www.kidscanmakeadifference.org</a>

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	MIDDLE	HIGH	<b>Farmer's Market:</b> This activity could simply include setting up an informational table for education and engagement, or it may include actually selling items (ie: crafts, fruits, vegetables, baked goods, coffee, etc) from which the proceeds would go to a hunger or poverty relief organization of your choosing.	
ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE	HIGH	<b>Hunger Cookbook Sale:</b> Use international recipes and country facts, as well as local recipes and facts. Can be used just with the group or published, sold, and distributed with proceeds going to hunger/poverty cause.	
ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE	HIGH	<b>Give testimony</b> (before legislative bodies)	<a href="http://www.kidscanmakeadifference.org">www.kidscanmakeadifference.org</a>
ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE	HIGH	<b>Food Experience Journal:</b> Permits students to reflect on their own eating patterns and those around them. They compare their experience where food is typically readily available with those who truly do not have enough to eat. Younger kids can do this with parents.	<a href="http://www.meals4kids.org/food4thought.html">www.meals4kids.org/food4thought.html</a>
	MIDDLE	HIGH	<b>Literary Circle:</b> The initial task is to select a book about hunger/hunger-related issues that all members of the group will read.	
	MIDDLE	HIGH	<b>Newsletter:</b> Prepare a newsletter for the community - purpose: outreach and/or information, hunger, nutrition, public resources, etc.	

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ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE	HIGH	<b>School/Community Garden:</b> Build a garden in an unused part of your community, brighten up a neighborhood, park, street corner, etc. Can be done in combination with a bake sale or farmer's market.	
	MIDDLE	HIGH	<b>Service Scavenger Hunt/Canned food drive:</b> teams offer services to community residents in exchange for canned foods (15 mins of raking leaves, take out the trash, etc.)	
ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE	HIGH	<b>Souper Bowl of Caring:</b> Rather than fasting, have a meal with just soup and bread. Discuss. Big community service activities leading up to the Super Bowl	<a href="http://www.souperbowl.org">www.souperbowl.org</a>
		HIGH	<b>Spin-A-Thon:</b> This event is centered on health and wellness in the community by encouraging individuals to get sponsors for their involvement in a cycling/ spinning event.	
ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE	HIGH	<b>Starving Artists' Dinner:</b> Students create artwork to display and auction at this special dinner of soup and bread designed to raise awareness and donations for helping address the problem of hunger in their communities (and beyond).	
ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE	HIGH	<b>Volunteer:</b> Join something that's ongoing	<a href="http://www.kidscanmakeadifference.org">www.kidscanmakeadifference.org</a>
ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE	HIGH	<b>Walk for hunger:</b> Youth and kids should have someone sponsor them for every hour they walk.	
ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE	HIGH	<b>Write letters:</b> (to legislators) www.hungernomore.org gives instructions on letter-writing	<a href="http://www.kidscanmakeadifference.org">www.kidscanmakeadifference.org</a> ; <a href="http://www.hungernomore.org">www.hungernomore.org</a>