COMMUNITY SERVICE GUIDEBOOK

ARIZONA DECA

Community service is a fun and effective way to keep your civic engagement and community outreach up. Through community service you are able to not only give back to your community but also find your passions through service. Service comes in many different forms. You can find service through things such as food drives or volunteering at homeless shelters, however you can also create your own service opportunities. Running your own clothing drives and recruiting your community to clean up your streets, service comes in all different forms.

Community service serves a vital role in developing and enriching a community through helping their neighbors and building a community they are proud of. Community service not only contributes to a community but to a person's self-fulfillment. By ensuring the safety, beauty, and connectivity of your community, community service is the step to take. This guide is meant to supply ideas for general community service as well as resources and specific community service opportunities in your area.

SUCCESSFUL TIPS

I. Check your school's rules first
Only choose activities your school will accept for credit.

II. Confirm age requirements
Some programs require you to be 14+, 16+, or have a parent present.

III. Get a signed verification form
Many organizations provide a form on the spot; keep it for your record.

IV. Pick something you enjoy
You'll be more motivated to keep going.

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I. Writing Cards	Reach out to local middle OR elementary schools and have a day dedicated to writing cards to veterans, elderly, police men and firefighters.
II. Food Drives	Host a school wide canned food drive and donate the cans to a local food bank / shelters
III. Recycling or e-waste drive	Collect cans, paper, or electronics for local recycling programs.
IV. Backpack or care package program	Assemble school supplies or hygiene kits for underprivileged kids or shelters.
V. Animal shelter help	Walk dogs, clean cages, or assist with adoptions.
VI. Tutoring or mentoring	Help younger students with school subjects or mentor through Big Brothers Big Sisters.
VII. Senior tech help	Teach older adults how to use smartphones, computers, or social media.

> Type your area into the search bar and this page highlights community service events and opportunities for students: Arizona for High School Students | AZ Student Hub

> Habitat for Humanity AZ Youth Build: For ages 16+ you can assist in the construction of affordable homes for less fortunate families. This a unique chance to build valuable construction skills which could potentially be applied to a future career in that field.

> Volunteer – TROT: If you enjoy working with animals, TROT allows students to supervise beginner horseback riders in addition to performing basic housekeeping duties.

TUCSON

I. Community Food Bank
3003 S Country Club Rd, Tucson, Az
(520)622-0525
Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona | Find Food & Give

II. Nuestra Tierra Garden
3003 S Country Club Rd, Tucson, Az
(520) 882-3307
Farm & Garden Programs | Community Food Bank

III. Caridad Community Kitchen
845 N Main Ave, Tucson, Az
(520)822-5641
Caridad Community Kitchen: Free Meals | Community Food Bank

IV. Ronald McDonald House Southern Arizona
2155 E Allen Rd, Tucson, Az
(520)326-0060
Home - Ronald McDonald House Southern Arizona

V. Interfaith Community Services
122 N Craycroft Rd, Tucson, Az
(520)297-6049
Interfaith Community Services - Interfaith Community Services | Tucson, Arizona

SIERRA VISTA / COCHISE COUNTY

I. The Salvation Army Sierra Vista Corps
180 E Wilcox Dr. Sierra Vista, Az
(520)459-8411
Sierra Vista Corps Community Center | Salvation Army Community Centers

II. ViCaP
2600 E Wilcox Dr Ste.H, Sierra Vista, Az
(520)459-8146
Home | VICaP

III. Cochise Family Advocacy Center, Inc. DBA Lori's Place
214 E Tacoma St, Sierra Vista, Az
(520)515-4444
Family Advocacy Center | Lori's Place | Southeastern AZ

IV. United Way of Sierra Vista & Cochise County
750 Bartow Drive, Suite 1 Sierra Vista
(316)321-6200
United Way of Sierra Vista & Cochise County

V. Dream Center
100 Nelson Dr, Sierra Vista, Az
(520)266-2934
Home | Svdreamcenter

PINAL COUNTY

I. Midwest Food Bank
725 E Baseline Rd Gilbert, AZ 85233
(480) 892-0134
Midwest Food Bank | Faith-Based Hunger & Disaster Relief

II. House Of Refuge
6935 E Williams Field Rd Mesa, AZ 85212
(480) 988-9242
House of Refuge | Transitional Housing For Families | Mesa, AZ

NORTHERN AZ

Flagstaff	WEBSITE: https://in.nau.edu/center-service-volunteerism/local-volunteer-opportunities/ NAU campus volunteer needs Flagstaff schools' volunteer needs Flagstaff Family Food Center Flagstaff Downtown Business Alliance Team - Event Volunteer https://downtownflagstaff.org/about/downtown-business-alliance/join-the-team Special Olympics Arizona (Mountain Area) https://specialolympicsarizona.org/volunteer/
Sedona	WESTBITE: https://vsvv.org/calendar/ **** many are 18+ or accompanied by parent or guardian Laundry & Projects Pawlooza December | Humane Society of Sedona Bagging | Toys Sedona Toys for Tots Food Share Assistance Keep Sedona Beautiful Friends of the Forest Sedona Red Rock Trail Fund Sedona Community Food Bank St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry
William	Radiant Community Services Williams Food Pantry & More Civitan Foundation

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Prescott	Special Olympics Arizona (Mountain Area) https://specialolympicsarizona.org/volunteer/ Prescott Community Cupboard Food Bank Prescott Valley Food Bank CCJ- Coalition for Compassion and Justice Calvary Chapel of Prescott - Food Pantry St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry
Holbrook	Navajo County Citizen Corps Council https://www.navajocountyaz.gov/579/Citizen-Corp-Council The mission of Citizen Corps is to harness the power of every individual through education, training, and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds.
Show Low & Pinetop-Lakeside	RE: Center https://www.rcaz.us/join-us Hunger relief and community assistance - these include hospitality, food assistance, mentoring and recourse support
Snowflake & Taylor	Silver Creek Senior Center https://www.silvercreekseniorcenter.com/lander?oref=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2F Senior citizen assistance
Springerville & Eager	Round valley community service and senior center https://springervilleaz.govbuilt.us/communityservices Same, senior citizen assistance Come Back Animal ranch https://www.comebackranch.org/ Animal Welfare
St. Johns	Casa of Apache County! https://casa.azcourts.gov/CASA-of-Apache-County Child advocacy and community support
Chinle & Navajo Nation	National Park Service https://www.nps.gov/subjects/youthprograms/jobs-and-internships.htm Help at a national park

WESTERN AZ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

YUMA	Volunteer – Helping Hands of Yuma Find Homeless shelters near me at Crossroads Mission United Way | Yuma | United Way of Yuma County Yuma's Choice Palliative & Hospice Provider | Southwestern Health | Yuma, AZ Volunteer - Yuma Community Food Bank
LAKE HAVASOU CITY	Volunteers | Lake Havasu City, AZ
KINGMAN	Mohave Museum of History & Arts: https://www.mohavemuseum.org Volunteering at KRMC | KRMC | Kingman Regional Medical Center
BULLHEAD CITY	Volunteer | Bullhead City
PARKER	Volunteer with Town of Parker via VolunteerLocal
WICKENBURG	Volunteer | Wickenburg AZ - Official Website

CENTRAL ARIZONA

Phoenix:	Website: https://andrehouse.org/get-involved/ The Andre House of Hospitality: serve hot meals, clean and take care of the unhoused. Website: https://ssvpusa.org/volunteer/ Society of St. Vincent de Paul: hand out meals and take care of unsheltered, donation drop offs of food, clothing, etc Website: https://umom.vomo.org/org/umom UMOM New Day centers: Donation of clothing, food, helps unhoused single mothers
Chandler:	Website: https://www.chandleraz.gov/chandler-a-z/volunteer-opportunities Volunteering opportunities in the city or through the city, can become an interpreter, or help with community clean ups etc.
Gilbert:	Website: https://www.gilbertaz.gov/how-do-i/volunteer Day of service to seniors: serve elderly residents with light tasks, usually cleaning yards etc Community connection expo: designed to bring residents and local organizations to one place.

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Scottsdale:	Website: https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/seniors/via-linda-senior-center Via Linda Senior center: service options to serve home-delivered meals, lunch programs, concierge assistance.
Glendale:	Website: https://www.glendaleaz.gov/Community/City-Services/Community-Services/Additional-Resources/Community-Volunteer Glendale Community Services and parks: serving senior lunches, building and maintaining trails, painting posters, handling flyers for events
Tempe:	Website: https://www.fmsc.org/get-involved/volunteer/ Feed My Starving Children: Prepare food boxes to send out to the less-fortunate. Website: https://tempeaction.org/get-involved/volunteer-now/volunteer-opportunities.html Tempe Community Action Agency: Support in a food pantry, meal providers for donations, meals on wheels catering for the unsheltered.
Peoria:	Website: https://www.peoriaunified.org/page/volunteer-with-us/ Peoria Unified School District: Volunteering in schools, working with children, administrative duties. Website: https://peoriahs.org/volunteer/ Peoria Humane Society: helping animals directly, caring for them, walking , bathing, feeding etc
Casa Grande:	Website: https://casagrandealliance.org/volunteer Casa Grande Alliance: helping out with gardening, partners with St. Mary's Food Bank and Senior Commodity programs. Website: https://seedsofhopeaz.com/volunteer Seeds of Hope: tutor students at the Mondo Anaya Community Center, helping out in the community garden.
San Tan Valley:	Website: https://azcarerescue.org/how-it-works/volunteer/ AZ CARE Recuse: in person pet photography, animal care, transport help Website: https://www.stv-veteranscenter.com/volunteer San Tan Valley Veterans Center: supporting local veterans, taking care of them, accepts donations