



Project Idea Bank

Helping in the Community:

- Collection Drives: food, toiletries, cell phones
- Neighborhood Blood Drive
- Community garden or pea patch – donate produce to the food bank
- Walk or bike-a-thon in the neighborhood to support a charity
- Form a team from your neighborhood to support an existing charity event
- Clean up a local park or cemetery
- Volunteer as a group to perform service at a local agency (homeless shelter, food bank, etc.)
- Help kids construct a lemonade stand or have a bake sale, proceeds to charity
- Hold a furniture and household goods collection day for an agency that needs these items
- Visit a nursing home, take cookies, sing songs, deliver flowers from your neighborhood gardens
- Collect sports and theater tickets and distribute to an organization with needy recipients
- Have a teddy bear drive for the police or fire department
- Have a book drive for a low income daycare or school
- Make peanut butter and jelly bag lunches for a homeless shelter
- Have a “free” neighborhood carwash – collect donations for a charity
- Raise money for Haiti or other areas experiencing disasters
- Shoeboxes for Soldiers w/ toiletries, books, candy/treats
- Youth boy scout project

Creating Community in Your Neighborhood:

- Make welcome baskets or cookies for new neighbors
- Start a tool lending library – snow shovels, leaf blowers, power tools, ladders, etc.
- Organize neighbors to provide yard work, painting, etc. to elderly or disabled in your neighborhood
- Create a neighborhood newsletter or website
- Start a neighborhood walking group, babysitting coop or house sitting/pet sitting exchange
- Have a neighborhood CPR class
- Start a block watch program
- Have a neighborhood litter or landscape cleanup day
- Start an emergency preparedness program

Volunteer Opportunities for Neighborhood Groups:

Neighbor Link has a list of needs from eastside human service agencies just waiting to be filled. Your neighborhood, school group or business can be matched to a volunteer opportunity. Most are one day commitments. Contact Julie Ellenhorn, Neighborhood Outreach, 425-452-5372 or jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov.