

# HackerBusters

## Community Service Ideas

There are many ways you can help your community and communities around the world. Think about what you want to do and how you want to do it. Are you interested in collecting funds for medical research, gathering food and clothing for needy families, saving the environment, or helping animals?

It may be easiest for you to work with a local agency such as charity group, a hospital, a nursing home, a homeless shelter, or an animal shelter, or you may want to consider an international project.

Think of ways that technology can help you help others. Which resources can you use? For example, can you design and print posters that encourage people to adopt homeless animals? Can you write letters to the residents of a local nursing home? Can you use your computer to organize a drive to provide presents to families who cannot afford them? Can you teach other kids or adults how computers can be helpful to them?

No matter what you do, you will enjoy it and feel good about yourself. It's important to develop a spirit of giving and helping others.

Here are some Internet sites that may be of interest to you:

### **Community Service**

<<http://www.afterschool.gov>>

Select Community Service under Planning Activities for links to projects.

### **Connect for Kids Community Service**

<[http://www.connectforkids.org/content1555/content\\_list.htm?attrib\\_id=332](http://www.connectforkids.org/content1555/content_list.htm?attrib_id=332)>

Read some examples of community service carried out by students.

### **Global Classroom**

<<http://www.globalclassroom.org/>>

Join students around the world who take part in projects together.

### **Global Schoolhouse**

<<http://www.globalschoolnet.org/GSH/>>

Plan projects with students around the world.



### **Kids Care Clubs**

<<http://www.kidscare.org/index.jsp>>

Learn about local and global projects.

### **Kidlink**

<<http://www.kidlink.org/>>

Link up with kids from around the world.

### **Kids Make a Difference (Arbor Day)**

<<http://www.arborday.org/kids/kidsdif.cfm>>

Discover ways to help for Arbor Day.

### **NetAid**

<<http://www.netaid.org>>

Learn more about a worldwide aid program.

### **Primer on Volunteerism for Kids**

<<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/newyork/laic/volunteer.html>>

Get some ideas on volunteerism.

### **Random Acts of Kindness**

<<http://www.actsofkindness.org/>>

Remember your good deeds. This site will help you.

### **Red Cross Youth Site**

<<http://www.ifrc.org/youth/>>

Work to help others through the Red Cross.

### **SchoolNet Global**

<<http://www.schoolnetglobal.com/>>

Read stories from students around the world.

### **UN Cyber School Bus**

<<http://www.un.org/Pubs/CyberSchoolBus/index.html>>

Learn how you can help others through the United Nations.

