

Packet Riders

Helping Others

There are many ways you can help your community and communities throughout the world. Think about what you want to do and how you will do it. Are you interested in working with others to collect funds for medical research, collecting food and clothing for needy families, saving the earth's environment, or helping animals?

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

Consider how technology can help you help others. Which resources can you use for community service? How about making posters to encourage people to adopt homeless animals, writing letters to the residents of a local nursing home, using a computer to organize a drive to provide presents to children whose families cannot afford them, or teaching others how computers can be used to help them?

No matter what you do, you will enjoy doing it. It's rewarding 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/>
Links to interesting projects
- **Connect for Kids Community Service**
<http://www.connectforkids.org/taxonomy/term/340>
Examples of community service carried out by students
- **Global Classroom**
<http://www.globalclassroom.org/>
Students around the world participating in projects together
- **Global Schoolhouse**
<http://www.globalschoolnet.org/GSH/>
Students around the world participating in projects together



- **Kids Care Clubs**
<http://www.kidscare.org/index.jsp>
Points of Light Foundation organization
- **Kidlink**
<http://www.kidlink.org/>
Students around the world participating in projects together
- **Kids Make a Difference (Arbor Day)**
<http://www.arborday.org/kids/kidsdif.cfm>
Ways to help for Arbor Day
- **NetAid**
<http://www.netaid.org/>
Worldwide aid program
- **Primer on Volunteerism for Kids**
<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/newyork/laic/volunteer.html>
Ideas on volunteerism
- **Random Acts of Kindness**
<http://www.actsofkindness.org/>
A site to help you remember good deeds
- **Red Cross Youth Site**
<http://www.ifrc.org/youth/>
Ways to help others through the Red Cross
- **SchoolNet Global**
<http://www.schoolnetglobal.com/>
Students around the world contribute information
- **UN Cyber School Bus**
<http://www.un.org/Pubs/CyberSchoolBus/index.html>
Students helping others through the United Nations

