

List of potential projects...October, 2014

Remember, your organization can do this as a group or divide the activities by small groups or individual members.

1. Read or share a story to nursing home residents. A good ghost story would be nice.
2. Have student musicians sing and dance at a group gathering at a nursing home.
3. Distribute plastic pumpkins with food (appropriate) or socks, a Halloween light-up, etc. to nursing home residents
4. Assist a charity by delivering meals to houses identified in "Meals on Wheels" or other programs
5. Ask a charity and provide items that can be included with a delivery for needy.
6. Volunteer to assist *Natchitoches Hope For Paws* or the *Natchitoches Humane Society* for a week in October (preferably longer).
7. Volunteer to assistance local groups with a project for displaced and underprivileged children. A list is available from Steven Gruesbeck at NSU and part of a group, Campus and Community Partners. They include tutoring, arts and crafts, mentoring, etc.
8. Collect toys now for distribution at Christmas through Jaycees, churches and organizations who regularly distribute them.
9. Make a commitment in October to collect and distribute toys by your organization but under the auspices of an agency who knows what children need assistance.
10. Collect and provide school supplies for K-8 children. Even they this is typically done prior to a school year, school supplies are always needed and can be distributed through the Natchitoches Parish School Board.
11. Purchase inexpensive paperback books and take them to an area Pre-K or elementary school. Read to the kids and have them pick out a book to take home.
12. Provide a special snack for an area school Pre-K through 4 by delivering them to classroom and saying, "we support you and hope this snack will energize your day."
13. Support teachers by assisting with lunch duty.

14. Assist community organizations and the City and Parish with a clean-up project for a certain street or road.
15. Place and collect non-perishable foodstuffs, preferably outside area grocery stores, for local food banks.
16. Collect and clean jackets and coats for distribution in the late fall and early winter.
17. Provide assistance to the elderly by making critical repairs at their house, in the yard, etc. Repairing a loose step could prevent an injury. Clean up the yard especially of debris that could become a fire hazard or result in injury.
18. Purchase tickets for needy kids to area high school and college football games.
19. Collect and repair bicycles or purchase new ones for needy kids.
20. Identify in October a dozen families for a turkey basket in November then deliver them prior to Thanksgiving.

And the list goes on...Submitted by Ron McBride