

SUGGESTIONS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS:

Asterisk (*) indicates that patterns or directions are available. Please contact a committee member for this information. *See what is needed in our area. Contact other local organizations and agencies to partner together on projects to serve your community.*

- Agriculture Education Programs: Provide public educational programs on topics from gardening to cooking, baking or canning to composting and anything in between.
- Agriculture Education Books: Donate books on gardening, canning, preserving, composting, or other agriculture related topics to your local public library, school library, childcare facility, senior center, or other place of your choosing.
- Foster Care Program: **Contact your local Department of Children and Families (DCF) office to find out what they need.** (i.e. Diapers, Hygiene Kits, Backpacks, Gift Cards, etc.)
- Words for Thirds: Purchase dictionaries from www.thedictionaryproject.org to donate to third grade students at your local schools.
- *Comfort Caps for Cancer Patients: Make soft, reversible hats out of fleece and donate to a local hospital or cancer center.
- *Premie Hats: Knit or crochet premie size hats and donate to a local hospital or birthing center.
- *Lap Robes: Knit, crochet or quilt lap robes and donate to a local nursing home, VA hospital or senior center.
- *Ditty Bags for Wheelchairs or Walkers: Make bags to be used on wheelchairs or walkers and donate to a local nursing home, VA hospital or senior center.
- *A Case for Smiles: Make pillowcases out of soft, bright cotton or flannel fabric (for directions visit www.conkerrcancer.org/pillowdirections.html) and donate to A Case for Smiles drop-off location or mail to a coordinator (for locations in MA visit www.conkerrcancer.org/regionaldirectory.html).
- *Mittens, Hats and Scarves: Purchase or make mittens, hats and scarves and donate to your local schools, DCF office or childcare facility.
- Stuffed Toys: Purchase or make child-safe stuffed toys and donate to your local fire, police, EMS, childcare facility, DCF office or hospital.
- Box Tops for Education: Collect box tops/labels from participating products and **send into a school of your choice.** For more information visit: www.boxtops4education.com.
- Pull-Tabs: Collect pull-tabs and **donate to a collection near you.**
- Habitat for Humanity: Volunteer to help with a local Habitat for Humanity project.
- Donate items or volunteer at local food pantries, senior centers or homeless shelters.
- Volunteer to clean up the grounds of a local park or playground.
- Participate in local roadside clean up or donate bags to an organization that does it in your area.
- Help plan and sponsor a community fair that includes children.
- Big E – New England Grange Building: Volunteer to help or donate needlework/craft items to be sold in the New England Grange Building.

- Big E – Massachusetts State Grange Food Booth: Volunteer to help during the Big E.
- Hearing Aid Fund: Donate to the Massachusetts State Grange Hearing Aid Fund.
- Health Project: Donate to the Massachusetts State Grange Health Project – donations can be earmarked for a specific place (i.e. NEADS, Beverly School or Clarke School) or the general fund (the committee chooses where to send the donations).
- Pennies-A-Day Fund: Donate to the State Graces' Pennies-A-Day Fund, which helps to support the Albert J. Thomas Library & Museum in Rutland.
- Educational Aid Fund: Donate money to support the Massachusetts State Grange's scholarship fund.