

## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT IDEAS

Acts of kindness are exactly what you'd think they are. They are small things or large things done in the spirit of kindness. We value people as children of God and we show them kindness when we treat them with kindness. Giving someone a cold bottle of water on a hot day is a kind act. Bringing coffee and donuts to your local fire station is an act of kindness.

Soft drink giveaways (or bottles of water)  
Newspaper giveaways at intersections or in parking lots  
Coffee/hot chocolate giveaways  
Stamp giveaway at the post office  
Business blast (gifts of candy or other items to people at work)  
Bug spray or sunscreen towelettes giveaway  
Quarters at laundromat (attach message cards)  
Light bulb giveaway  
Doggie treats at park  
Balloons in parks/events  
Donuts to local police, fire, stations or other workers  
Police, fire fighters appreciation dinners/snacks/care packages  
Flower seed giveaway  
Cold care kit giveaway (tissue, cough drops, lip balm, etc.)  
Golf balls, golf tees, golf towel giveaways at local range or course  
Hand towelettes giveaway at events  
Sunscreen giveaway at pool/park  
Umbrella escorts in parking lots on rainy days  
Windshield washing at gas stations  
Grocery cart returns  
Donut giveaway at intersections during morning traffic  
Community events giveaways: lifesavers, lollipops, small bags of taffy, chewing gum, cookies  
Sporting events and festivals: peanuts giveaway, popcorn, etc.  
Trash pick up with "Kindness in Progress: signs  
Free car wash  
Hand cleaning towelettes at gas pumps  
Car drying at car washes  
Tire pressure check  
Washer fluid refill  
Gift certificate giveaways in drive-through lane at fast food restaurant or at Starbucks  
Dollar tipping in restaurants (give tip with an encouragement note to every waiter, waitress who passes your table)  
Ice cream coupons (giveaway outside movie theaters for an after movie treat)  
Parking meter feeding  
Free bread giveaway in low income neighborhood  
Business window washing  
Free shoe shines

Leaf raking  
Tulip bulbs and potted plants service  
Blood pressure screenings (outside drug store with permission)

#### WHAT TO SAY

Questions may arise when you provide an act of kindness.

State simply that “It’s for free.”

“We’re doing a community service project.”

“We’re here showing God’s love in a practical way.”

You may wish to provide a card or flyer to identify the church you represent. Keep it low key. This gives people specific information if they want to follow-up. When you serve with the right motive, people often spontaneously ask questions about your church without you forcing the issue. Keep it simple.