



Ideas for Community Service During a Pandemic
Created by California Lions

1. Write letters to our Soldiers
2. Create cards for recipients of delivered meals (Meals on Wheels)
3. Call Seniors or others that are home bound.
4. Sew and donate face masks, or other needed articles
5. Identify families that need assistance and create and deliver food baskets
6. Set up a “go fund me” account asking for \$10 to get food to people that need it, purchase the food from local restaurants, then deliver!
7. Shop for groceries/essential items and deliver to homebound.
8. Volunteer at the local Senior Center if permitted.
9. Volunteer at the local food bank if permitted.
10. Put your clubs eye care program on-line so you can receive request, send out approval letters and pay for the exam and glasses all online.
11. Develop a game/puzzle for kids to do at home, have a new one every week.
12. Hold a blood drive if permitted, or donate blood
13. Hold a Farmers Market if permitted.
14. Hand out red and green sheets of paper to Seniors, ask them to put the green one in their window if all is well, the red one if they need someone to contact them.
15. Offer to host a “Zoom” meeting for Seniors to “get together” and chat
16. Had to cancel a club event/fundraiser? Donate gift cards and raffle prizes to shelters.
17. Use Zoom, Google Hangouts or other virtual media to read to or be read to by school children
18. Write letters to Santa for the Macy’s Believe Program to benefit Make-A-Wish (Melanie Hunter would be happy to provide info)
19. Write cards and/or letters to congratulation graduating high school students who may not have a graduation ceremony
20. Walk dogs and/or exercise pets of at-risk people who cannot go out to do so
21. Bathe and groom pets for seniors who can’t take them to their usual groomer
22. Mow lawns and do yardwork for seniors in our neighborhoods
23. Host virtual birthday parties for kids who can’t have real parties with their friends
24. Cut and split firewood for seniors and low-income families (in the forest – far away from other people)
25. Take garbage and recycling carts to the curb for pickup and put them back after pickup for at risk neighbors who are staying inside
26. Volunteer at local animal shelter (if permitted)
27. Many recycling centers are not operating right now. This is a great chance to post notices in your neighborhood and collect recyclables to benefit the charity of your choice. My club sends the pull tabs to Ronald McDonald House and puts all the rest of the money we earn from recycling towards Melvin Jones Fellowships for our members.
28. Plant a garden and donate the fresh produce to your local food bank, soup kitchen or school cafeteria (if permitted)
29. Deliver fresh flowers from your yard/garden to at risk people who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries
30. Host a virtual sing along or jam session for kids

31. Record yourself teaching or sharing a special skill or talent you possess (i.e. virtual art lesson, music lesson, crochet lesson, etc.)
32. Collect favorite recipes from your friends, neighbors, club members and create a cookbook. Sell copies as a fundraiser.
33. Pet sit for people caring for sick family members
34. Sew curtains and/or bedspreads for your local women's shelter or camp facility
35. Host a virtual workout session
36. Set and check mouse and/or rat traps, roach traps, wasp traps for seniors and shut ins, replace light bulbs, or any other chore they may need assistance with.
37. Paint "kindness rocks" and leave them on the doorsteps of friends and neighbors.
38. Use sidewalk chalk to write cheerful, hopeful messages where neighbors, seniors and shut ins will see them.
39. If you have not already done so, research becoming an organ and tissue donor. If you find that this is something you are comfortable with, complete the donor registration process. Make sure you let your family members know of your desire to be a donor to avoid conflicts and misunderstandings in the future. Encourage your friends and loved ones to become informed about organ and tissue donation and make their own personal decisions.
40. If you are walking for fresh air and exercise, dial up your awareness of service opportunities. Watch for lost coins on the road, sidewalk, parking lot or trail. When you see them, pick them up and save them until you have enough to donate to your favorite charity. Carry a small pouch or bag with you. When you see nails, screws, broken glass or anything that could potentially damage tires or little bare feet, pick it up and discard it in a trash can along the way or at home. And be on the lookout for recyclable items. Pick them up and turn them in to add to your club's recycling fund.
41. ***This one came from a nine year old young lady who can't wait to be a Leo.*** Create some "Oopsie Poopsie" stations in your neighborhood or on the trails where you walk. Take a gallon milk jug, turn it upside down and cut a slot in one side. Paint the jug an attractive color. (Blue, green, gray. Something visible, but nothing you would not like to look at in your neighborhood.) Fill the jug with plastic bread bags, produce bags, grocery bags, etc. Attach the jug to a stake, fence post or other accessible spot along walking routes in your neighborhood. (Make sure you have the property owner's permission. Mailboxes, street signs, stop signs and power poles are off limits.) Create a laminated sign to let people know what the station is for. The one I saw said: "This is an Oopsie Poopsie station. If you forgot to bring a bag to clean up after you pet, help yourself to one of these. Please DO pick up the DOO DOO."
42. Volunteer for the "Make A Wish Foundation"
43. Help out with graffiti removal
44. Volunteer to clean up a highway, park, road, etc.
45. Help deliver meals or at a food distribution center
46. Organize a "meal train" to someone who is not able to cook for themselves
47. Organize a medical equipment loan program

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