

# PLACES TO VOLUNTEER



## Hospitals

- Draw pictures to brighten rooms
- Record original stories for patients
- Tutor young patients
- Collect and donate toys and books
- Read/sing to children



## Museums/zoo

- Accompany handicapped peers
- Campaign to save an endangered animal or adopt a zoo resident
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## Schools

- Offer child care during Parent Open House
- Create a directory for students listing libraries, sports programs and community service opportunities near school
- Set up a peer counseling program
- Ask students to recycle gently worn toys and clothing for a needy child



## Libraries

- Repair worn books
- Host story hours for younger children



## Homeless shelters

- Hold a blanket drive
- Make and decorate knapsacks or baby quilts
- Bake cookies
- Take instant photos of children for families
- Help sort and/or serve food



## Neighborhoods

- Start a graffiti watch and cleanup
- Plant and care for trees
- Assist with voter registration drives
- Put on a puppet show about caring for a neighborhood park
- Build benches or playground equipment
- Plant trees and seeds in a fire-damaged area



## Day-care or senior centers

- Be a "pal" to a child or elderly person
- Collaborate on story or joke books
- Teach computer skills

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[http://usaweekend.com/diffday/tools/guides/teachers\\_guide.html](http://usaweekend.com/diffday/tools/guides/teachers_guide.html)

### **OTHER THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:**

- Internet: Search “Community Service”, “Youth Service”, “Volunteering” and your city.
- Do I know anyone else doing community service?
- Is there a group at school that can work together?
- What can I collect that other people need?
- Does my Church, Synagogue, or Mosque provide help (outreach) to people in their congregation?
- Can I research a specific issue or cause I have heard about or am interested in my local library?