

Virtual Service Activities May 2020

Overview

- We will be discussing ways to serve during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- > This presentation will be facilitated by:
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- Please feel free to ask questions in the chat box, we will answer them at the end of the webinar.

Serving Your Community Online

- > Communities are hurting all over the world and need our help
- Your health is at risk when doing in-person service
- Consider virtual service activities during this unprecedented time
 - Families are home and feeling "stuck" inside
 - Parks have closed and children are feeling restless
 - People who live alone are feeling lonely and are in need of contact
- Your community will thank you!

Serve Your Club Virtually

- Host virtual meetings
 - Facebook and hold sessions using Facebook Live, Google Hangouts, Zoom, or other software
 - Host a weekly coffee or tea hour
- Serve your community virtually
 - Think outside the box! More to come in later slides.
- Host a virtual lunch & learn
 - Talk and show pictures of your Lions clubs completing service in the community

Plan Service Activities for the Future

- Identify global causes that will be a priority following the pandemic:
 - Diabetes
 - Childhood Cancer
 - **Environment**
 - Hunger
 - Vision
- Check out our project planners to help guide future service!
 - Click here for more information

COVID-19 Service Ideas

- > Reach out to community organizations to identify their needs
 - Research and make connections with local community organizations that may benefit from virtual volunteers now, or physical volunteers in the future, create a list and share it with your club members!
- Identify community needs that can be addressed safely
 - Help at-risk community members by checking on them, donating food, or offering other assistance
 - > Reach out to community members that live alone
 - Donate unused personal protective equipment to at-risk community members or hospitals. You can even sew your own mask! <u>Click here</u> <u>for instructions from the CDC</u>

Advocacy Service Ideas

- Advocate for public health and safety guidelines established by your local government or public health organizations.
 - Share COVID-19 news updates, positive stories, and ways to serve your community safely on your social media
 - Encourage people to follow public health and safety guidelines
- Advocate for healthy behaviors that can be done at home
 - Host a dance, Zumba or work out session via social media or video chat software
 - Share healthy recipes with your friends





Stay Connected: Fun Service Ideas

- Provide virtual tutoring
 - Offer virtual tutoring to families that may be in need of additional help with and without access to teachers
- Host a virtual story hour or campfire
 - This can be done through social media or video chat software
 - Read 1-3 children's books during an hour at various times of the day
 - Tell age appropriate ghost stories
- Post positive notes on your windows and/or door
 - Write and decorate notes of positivity to hang in an outward facing window to raise morale in your neighborhood





Stay Connected: Fun Service Ideas

- Share virtual games
 - United Nations have created a board game about sustainable development goals. Print materials from https://go-goals.org/
 - > Play Bingo: share screens via video chat
 - Play Pictionary: take turns sharing the screen and use the paint feature to play this classic game with your community
 - Download various smart phone applications that allow you to play games with other users
- > Host a movie night via video chat
 - Ask guests for movie suggestions in advance and watch the movie together.



Thank you