

# A Summer of Service... Making a Difference!

1. Write a thank you note to an American soldier. Contact us at [info@givingtreefamilies.org](mailto:info@givingtreefamilies.org) to find out where you can send your note.
2. Heading to a local park or for a walk around the neighborhood? Grab a trash bag and collect trash along the way. (Don't forget your gloves!)
3. Bake a batch of cookies to take to our local fire department & police station to say "thank you"!
4. Volunteer to sort food for a local food pantry. Take up a collection of food to support them.
5. Bring a smile to an elderly person. Go to [www.colorasmile.org](http://www.colorasmile.org), print out a coloring page and decorate it with your own style. Mail the pages in and your artwork will be distributed to nursing home residents and Meals on Wheels recipients.
6. Decorate Hugs & Smiles Cards for residents of local assisted living facilities. Go to <http://givingtreefamilies.org/get-involved/project-parties/hugs-smiles-note-cards/>.
7. Create Sock Rolls for the homeless community. Visit our website at <http://givingtreefamilies.org/get-involved/project-parties/sock-n-snack-rolls/>
8. Help the earth! Make sure everyone in your house is turning off the lights, recycling, and conserving water.
9. Create notes of kindness and put them in your neighbor's mailbox!
10. Create Kindness Rocks and leave them in places around the neighborhood, along a trail or in the park. Visit <https://www.kindlikejoey.org/blog/joeyrocks> for ideas.
11. Go through your toys and books. Maybe there are items you don't play with anymore that you could donate to children in need.
12. Collect old towels (check with mom and dad first) and donate them to our local SPCA. Maybe include some homemade treats for the dogs and cats of the shelter! Visit <http://allrecipes.com/recipe/dog-treats-i/> for a recipe for a special dog treat.
13. Visit someone who lives alone. Just an hour out of your day can brighten the spirits!
14. Need more ideas? Check out [www.givingtreefamilies.org](http://www.givingtreefamilies.org) for more ideas!



The Giving Tree