

# Community Service Program Ideas



Community service is an integral part of a KDP chapter, giving of your time and talents is essential to growing as a professional. Think outside of the box when planning your next chapter event! Each one of these ideas comes from a chapter. Submit your chapter's programming in the [Semester Celebration Report](#) or e-mail your RCC.



**Ongoing partnership with a local school:** pen pal projects, adopt-a-class, volunteer regularly, do a book or school supply drive, do teacher appreciation days, host special events (diversity days, carnivals, parents day out, STEM/STEAM night, help with sports), create summer activity packets, sponsor Donor's Choose, or sponsor a club.

**Ongoing partnership with a non-profit:** volunteer regularly or provide ongoing volunteers for special events, do regular collections/drives to help meet their needs, such as providing child care and activities during special events. Consider several types of non-profits: tutoring, youth or community centers, medical, disability-focused, mentoring, homeless-serving, international groups, museums, libraries, and parenting groups.



**Alumni events:** send encouraging notes, adopt-a-class, or host a collection project on behalf of an alumni's classroom.

**Campus events:** children's area at Homecoming, trick-or-treat, faculty appreciation, Relay for Life, Take Back the Night, partner with the campus service learning office, alumni weekends, campus visits, or dress for success for graduating seniors.

**Values-based events:** diversity day, respect day, anti-bullying projects, student leadership development, racial reconciliation, girls in STEM, disaster relief projects, green week/earth day, mental health week/suicide awareness, events based on awareness weeks/months (Light it Up Blue for Autism Awareness, etc), or non-partisan voter registration drives.



**Environmental/Sustainable Development:** Adopt-a-Highway, community garden, recycling drive, community clean up, sponsor a child/family, support a development-related organization, adopt "green" practices as a chapter, clothing swap, upcycle events, or sponsor microloans.

**Educator Recruitment:** host Educators Rising, host panels at high schools or for those considering education as a major, cadet teacher developments, or mentor underclassmen.

**Special events:** host a family-friendly concert, read-in, carnival, movie night, murder mystery event, pajama party, game night, or children's art show.

**Community/campus education events:** host conversations/panels/fairs on topics such as domestic violence awareness and healthy relationships, suicide prevention, self-care, Ted-style conference, banned book week, or human trafficking awareness.



**Holiday-themed events:** trick-or-treating/trunk-or-treat, mask-making, pumpkin carving, Thanksgiving events, letters to Santa, lunch with Santa, cookie decorating, adopt-a-family, holiday baskets, MLK, Jr Day events, Valentine's Day card drive, President's Day events, egg hunts, or a May Day party.

**Collections and drives:** blankets, canned food, money, winter items, shoes, books, toys, hygiene items, school supplies, clothing, backpacks, or cleaning products.