

9-11 Service Project Notes on State Officer Curated List of Favorite Ideas

Hygiene Drive

Partner with local efforts to help those in need by collecting and donating essential items.

Items to collect (check in with place you are donating to as well):

- Hand Soaps
- Toothbrushes & toothpastes
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Mouthwash
- Floss
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Deodorant
- Razors
- Shaving cream
- Hairbrushes

Where to donate to:

- Local homeless shelter
- Local food shelf
- Caring Hearts in Action - Farmington, MN

Tie Blankets

Create and give cozy blankets for people who could use some of your group's kindness.

Items needed for 1 blanket:

- 2 different fabrics
 - 1.5 yards for a kid-sized blanket or 2 yards for an adult-sized blanket
- Fabric scissors
- Ruler

Lay fabrics with both backsides facing each other

Cut strips 1-2 inches wide and 6 inches long around the entire blanket

Then tie together all of the strips (if you want the ties to be more secure double tie the strips)

Where to donate to:

- A Homeless shelter
- A Children's Hospital
- A Nursing Home
- A Veterans Home

Writing letters to Vets and active service members

Create your own handmade cards (or use pre-made ones that can be sent out from the State Office) and distribute them to Vets through local services like the VA or send them to the State office to get delivered to active service members through [Operation Gratitude](#).

Some phrases to help students get started:

Thank you for your service
We appreciate your sacrifices
Thank you for blessing us in so many ways
You are valued
You are not forgotten
Thank you for your hard work and dedication to keeping our country safe
We appreciate you
Thank you for protecting our freedom and our country
Thank you for your bravery

Sidewalk chalk for first responders

Show your support for first responders by writing encouraging messages in chalk near those buildings – Police Station, Fire Stations, Hospitals etc.

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Thank you for your service
Thank you for all you do for our community
We appreciate all that you do
Your dedication and skill are making a difference
We are here for you, Thank you for being here for us
You are the best and the bravest
Your tireless efforts are not going unnoticed
Stay safe and stay strong