



MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY SAMPLE PROJECT IDEAS

Contact your local agency, church, neighborhood association or others to coordinate a community project! Here are some ideas to get the ball rolling!

- Stock a food pantry
- Invite local community members to speak to your class about social issues, career exploration and more
- Organize a neighborhood “Trash Clean-Up”
- Paint classrooms, playrooms, kitchens
- Fix, sand, and paint picnic tables and benches
- Build and decorate recycling containers
- Build a chicken coop
- Construct bird feeders or houses
- Build bee boxes
- Remove weeds from cracks in sidewalks and flowerbeds
- Build a compost
- Participate in arts and crafts with clients
- Pull noxious weeds from a plot in a natural area
- Clean up alleyways
- Dictate letters for clients
- Organize a book drive
- Record books on tape
- Organize a “Cut-A-Thon” with a local barbershop to donate hair cuts
- Provide entertainment for a local hospice or nursing home
- Coordinate a collection drive of a specific item (diapers, socks, camping gear)
- Distribute clothing
- Clear bike paths and trails
- Clean up a campground
- Create a scarecrow for a community garden
- Build a wheelchair ramp
- Spruce up or landscape an apartment or assisted living building for clients
- Repair bicycles
- Create games and education props for kids
- Organize a coin drive
- Warehouse sorting and packing or repacking
- Provide companionship for clients
- Organize a car wash for an agency’s transport vehicles
- Develop a slideshow or video to highlight an organization
- Create or restore a community garden
- Packing and sorting books
- Trail building, repairing, and/or landscaping
- Put together educational kits
- Bleach/sanitize donated toys

- Assemble comfort bags for clients such as backpacks with teddy bears, coloring books, etc. for children in shelters
- Have youth create a mural
- Organize a field trip for clients of an organization
- Organize a bake sale as a fundraiser
- Make birthday/holiday/thank you cards
- Make crafts for fundraisers
- Child care – teens with younger children while parents volunteer
- Create Spring Baskets
- Create promotional materials such as brochures
- Bring awareness to health or community issues
- Work on a mailing project
- Network and update your computer system
- Paint an outdoor shed
- Organize storage areas
- Build a playground
- Clean up/restore a playground
- Clean up the river
- Distribute brochures about an informative issue
- Advocate a greener Fort Collins by organizing your workplace to bike to work
- Organize a blood drive
- Hold a community BBQ
- Plan a dance for clients
- Provide entertainment to residents of assisted living homes, group homes, or to people who are not able to leave their own homes due to illness.
- Ask a nonprofit agency that serves your favorite cause for a wish list. Take a look at the wish list and purchase and/or collect items that will support the services they provide year-round. To see a whole list of agencies' wishes, visit www.uwaylc.org to view the Nonprofit Wish List
- Send a card to one of our armed service men and women. Or adopt a family who has a loved one overseas in the military. Visit www.americasupportsyoudo.com for other ways to show support.
- Help Flat Stanley fulfill his adventures: www.flatstanley.com
- Adopt a rode, trail, crag, etc.
- Donate locally – go to www.uwaylc.org to find out how you can help families who live in Larimer County or Internationally – go to www.networkforgood.org to find out how you can donate to the most recent disaster across the world.
- Make Birthday Boxes

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