

## Community Service Project Ideas from Dane County 4-H Clubs

*Project descriptions gathered through the Dane County 4-H Community Service Survey – 2018*

Organization or Population Served	Project Description
Ronald McDonald House	Prepare and serve a meal to families staying at Ronald McDonald House.
Dane County Humane Society	Cleaned the grounds.
William S. Middleton Memorial Veteran's Hospital	Made crafts and delivered to hospital.
Dane County Foster Care	Collected items for backpacks; donated to youth in foster care.
Open Doors for Refugees	Offered games and entertainment for children at a library while their parents were taking an English course.
Operation Gratitude	Made paracord bracelets and chose plush animals to donate to U.S. service members serving abroad.
Madison Parks: Keep Warm Drive	Collected winter clothing items for a donation drive.
Cards for Hospitalized Kids	Made and mailed cards for hospitalized children.
Madison Cat Project	Built cat houses for stray cats.
Project Linus	Made fleece blankets to donate to hospitalized children.
Stoughton Senior Center	Work with the Senior Center to identify seniors whose yards need to be raked; go and rake yards together as a club.
Nazareth House Nursing Home	Bring small project animals to visit with the residents.
Midvale Lutheran Church	Clean the church & disinfect the nursery toys several times each year.
River Food Pantry	Worked in the food line serving a meal; helped people shop for items; cleaned and bussed tables during a community meal.
Badger Honor Flight	Made cards, banners, and signs to welcome veterans back from Washington D.C. Greeted veterans at the airport to congratulate them on their return.
Food for Kidz	Assembled ready-to-make relief meal packets to feed children in the U.S. and around the world.
Military Ridge State Trail	Cleaned up trash along the bike trail and picked invasive garlic mustard plants.
Milestone Senior Living Facility	Played Bingo with residents and supplied prizes.
Meals on Wheels	Made Valentines that were delivered to the recipients of Meals on Wheels.
Nursing Home	Made Thanksgiving cards and delivered them to nursing home residents.
Cottage Grove Food Pantry	Collected personal care items to donate to the pantry. Decorated holiday cookies to donate to the clients of the food pantry.
Sienna Crest Assisted Living	Worked one-on-one with residents to create a craft project. Played Bingo with residents and handed out prizes.
Salvation Army	Made fleece tie blankets to donate to Salvation Army.
Other	Planted and maintained two community flower plots throughout the growing season.
Adopt-A-Highway Program	Clean up a designated stretch of state highway.
Neighbors in the community	Asked churches & community contacts for names of elderly or homebound individuals; or individuals needing some brightness in their day. Collected and decorated tin cans and turned them into May Day baskets; filled these with flowers from a flower wholesaler. Placed the bouquets at addresses of residents on April 30.
Free Community Meal	Chose a menu, made a budget, shopped for the menu, requested donations from a local restaurant, cooked the meal, served and cleaned up.
Skaalen Senior Home	Created Valentine cards and delivered them to residents.
Music in the Park	Provided refreshments for community event.
McFarland Seniors	Hosted annual event called "Dairy Day at the Gazebo". Sell ice cream sundaes; make and sample butter; hand out dairy promotional items and make cow puppets. All proceeds go to travel vouchers for seniors with transportation limitations so that they can better access resources & services in McFarland.
McFarland Community Garden	Created and maintained 4-H Youth Garden within community garden. Helped school start a plot; built raised beds for elderly & physically impaired residents; donate produce to food pantries. Make floral arrangements for the senior luncheons and Shared Table with the flowers from the garden.
Shared Table Community Meals	Donated produce from 4-H Youth Garden to be used in Shared Table community meals.