**2016-2017 Texas District Fall Council**

**A Step Ahead of Community Needs**

**Projects Presentation**

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**What are Community Service Projects?**

**A community service project is work done by a person or group of people that benefits others. It is often done near the area where you live, so your own community reaps the benefits of our work. Community service can help many different groups of people: children, senior citizens, people with disabilities, even animals, and the environment.**

**and**

**What are Fundraisers?**

**Activity done to collect money for a charity, non-profit organization, school, political party, etc.**

**Considerations to keep in mind to stay “A Step Ahead” when choosing service projects:**

**Who would you like to help?**

**Does your club want a project that is reoccurring or a one time event?**

**Make sure your project has a specific focus – such as:**

1. **Neighborhood Enhancement**
2. **Plant a community garden**
3. **Construct a new handicapped accessible playground**
4. **Special Needs**
	1. **Purchase Braille books or equipment for special needs students**
	2. **Make gifts for kids in the hospital**
5. **Senior Citizens**
	1. **Organize a songfest or play to perform at a nursing home**
	2. **Provide a Therapy Garden at a nursing home**
6. **Homeless and/or Hungry**
	1. **Gather toothbrushes, razors, combs etc. to make “I Care”**

**Kits for the homeless**

* 1. **Donate food/supplies to local food banks**
1. **Environment**
	1. **Create a children’s nature garden**
	2. **Organize a nature hike/take bags to collect trash along the way**

**Community Service Project web sites:**

**https://www.signupgenius.com = 60 ways to Better your Community**

**Community Service on Pinterest**

**Coyotecommunications.com = Finding Community Service and**

**Volunteering for Groups**

[**www.wsdweb.org**](http://www.wsdweb.org) **= 99 Community Service Ideas**

**Remember:**

**STAY “A STEP AHEAD” OF YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS**