



Service Project Ideas

If you are interested in helping the Make-A-Wish Foundation® but not interested in raising funds, here are some creative service project ideas for your group to organize. Before you start, be sure to contact your local Make-A-Wish Chapter.

★ Toy or Book Drive

Either during a special occasion (like birthday, bar or bat mitzvah, or confirmation) or as project, ask people to bring a toy or book to be donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Items should be suitable for children ages 2 ½ to 18. The items will be used as icebreaker gifts when our team of wish-granting volunteers visit a child's house to "discover" what his/her wish is. Gifts are given to the wish child and his/her siblings as a way to break the ice and recognize what all of the children in the family are going through.

★ Greeting Cards

Classes or groups of students create generic greeting cards to be given to the wish children when the wish granters visit them for the first time. Colorful drawings on the front of the cards and a generic message in side (*ex. Thinking of you at Odell Elementary School*). Cards can also be made to go along with specific wish types. For instance, many of our children go to Disney World, so a card may read *Have fun at Disney World*. These cards can be given to them before they receive the wish.

★ Wish Enhancement Gifts

When the wish-granting volunteers visit the wish child to "deliver" his/her wish just before it takes place, they try to take a wish enhancement gift with them. The gifts vary based on the wish that is being granted. For travel wishes, a child might receive sunglasses, suntan lotion, a journal, and a beach towel. For a celebrity wish, a child could be given a disposable camera, an autograph book, and a book about the area where they will be traveling. If you are interested in doing this type of service project, then the Kids For Wish Kids Coordinator will provide specific wish ideas.

★ Wish Enhancement Parties

Often, wish granters try to through a send off party for those children who are going on travel wishes. Your group can throw a send off party for a specific wish child. We usually encourage people to include the child's favorite things at the party. If you are interested in throwing a send off party, then the Kids For Wish Kids Coordinator will provide you with a wish child and the necessary information to help your group plan it.

You can try one of these ideas or devise a Kids For Wish Kids service project of your own!

Remember, these are just suggestions.

Choose the activity that you think will be suitable for your school or organization.