

**High School and Middle School Service Projects (not an exhaustive list.)**  
As you research these suggestions, you will find many more projects that will interest you and your young people. Don't be afraid to think outside the box!

**Special Olympics**  
[www.specialolympics.org](http://www.specialolympics.org)

Help as buddy during events



**Nursing Home Visits**

**Relay for Life**  
[www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org)

American Cancer Society

**Bethesda Project**  
215.985.1600

Cook, send in casseroles, do outreach

**Meals on Wheels**  
610.526.3097

Provides meals to the homebound

**Manna**  
215.496.2662

Prepare or bring meals to homebound with AIDS

[www.mannapa.org/services/meals](http://www.mannapa.org/services/meals)

**Aid for Friends**  
[www.aidforfriends.org](http://www.aidforfriends.org)

Prepare breakfast bags or meals for elderly

**Operation Resurrection**

Deliver flowers and cards to elderly or homebound in parish

**Souper Bowl of Caring**  
[www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org)

Collect money after masses on Super Bowl Sunday. Donated money goes to food cupboard of choice

**Rake leaves**

Rake leaves for the homebound of the parish

**Canned Food Drive**

Collect non perishables in the elementary school and religious ed programs

**Operation Rice Bowl**  
215.895.3470  
<http://orb.crs.org>

Work with coach/faculty in organizing ORB  
This includes distribution, publicity, hosting Lenten event (soup supper)

**Walk Against Hunger**

[www.hungercoalition.org/about-walk](http://www.hungercoalition.org/about-walk)

Participate in Walk Against Hunger

215. 895.3470



**Parish Clean Up**

Check with pastor/principal on needs of parish and assist in clean up

**Park Clean Up**

Contact local recreation department for suggestions for local clean up projects

**Greater Philadelphia Food Bank**

Sorting food

215.739.7394

**Christmas caroling**

Entertain at local hospitals or nursing homes

**Babysitting**

Volunteer to babysit in the church nursery

**Bake Sale**

Sponsor a bake sale and give proceeds to a group that assists the poor

**Linen Collection**

Collect linens for a halfway house

**Parish Events**

Clean up parish hall after parish functions

**Publicity**

Help parish ministries by making posters, bulletin boards

**Rosary**

Make rosaries for the armed services

**Tutoring**

Coordinate with school or religious ed for needs for young children in tutoring

**School Kits**

Decide as a group what kind of things every person in school needs for the day, e.g. notebooks, pencils, pens, markers, etc.. Identify a school for which there is a need.

**Dessert Day**

Sponsor a desserts day at a local shelter. Provide the shelter with candy or cookies to go along with the usual lunch or supper;

donate ice cream sandwiches or cones and all the fixings for a sundae

**Ecology Scavenger Hunt**

Using a point system and a time limit, conduct a hunt in an outdoor park or sports area

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

<http://svdpuse.org/aboutus>

Coordinate with St. Vincent de Paul Society and parish to conduct a coat and blanket drive

**Community Garden**

Help prepared and maintain a community garden

**Recycle**

Conduct a recycling drive- paper, phone books, aluminum cans, Christmas trees

**Movie Night**

Watch a movie about justice issues and discuss and reflect- e.g. Ghandi

**Book Collection**

Collect books for church or library

**Reading**

Read books to young children in the library, read written materials for the sightless

**Breadbasketball**

[www.oyya.org](http://www.oyya.org)

Intramural competition of food collection- points are scored and there is a winner!

**Quilting, knitting, crocheting**

Quilt, knit, crochet patches and then sew together a quilt decorated by young people. Quilt can be donated a children's hospital.

**Crafts**

Make hand puppets, stuffed animals for children in the hospital

**Greater Philadelphia Cares**

[www.philacares.com](http://www.philacares.com)

Great resource for service opportunities in the Philadelphia area

