



WHAT IS COMMUNITY SERVICE?

Community service 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 your work. **You do not get paid to perform community service!** **Community service can help any group of people in need:** children, senior citizens, people with disabilities, English language learners, and more. It can also help animals, such as those at a shelter, and it can be used to improve places, such as a local park, a building, or scenic area as well. **Community service is often organized through a local group,** such as a place of worship, school, or non-profit organization. You can also start your own community service project. **A healthy community works to protect its citizens and prevent negative outcomes for its most vulnerable members.**

There are hundreds of ways to participate in community service, depending on your skills and interests. Some common community service examples include