

17 Ways for Kids to Help Fight Poverty

Working with Holland Rescue Mission to bring help and hope to the poor and homeless in our community

Food Drive – lead a food drive in your church or neighborhood

Personal Packs – assemble toiletry items in a reusable bag to be given to people upon arrival at the Mission

Scavenger Hunt – challenge your friends to go door to door, collecting food and toiletry items to help those in need

Read-A-Thon – seek sponsors who will pledge money for each book you read

Sock-it-to-Em – collect donations of new socks for all ages

Undy Sunday – collect donations of new underwear for all ages

Sick Packs – tea bag, crackers, cup of soup, applesauce, gelatin

Kid Snacks – fresh fruit, juice boxes, fruit snacks, crackers, cheese sticks, etc.

Craft Basket – make a sample craft and put together a basket of needed items for 15-40 kids – for daycare or children's programs

Birthday Basket – balloons, birthday candles, cake and frosting mixes, gift wrap, children's toys – for kids living at the Mission

Can Collection – collect and redeem pop cans to raise money for the Mission

Recycling Drive – Used coats, clothing, toys, sporting goods, or newspapers

Baby Shower – collect diapers, wipes, pacifiers, bottles, sippy cups, onesies, bibs, toys, and other items for babies and toddlers

Backpack Project – Collect and stuff them with school supplies for grades K-12

Prayer Campaign – collect names and addresses of people who will commit to praying for the Mission and want to receive HRM's prayer updates

Summer Fling – collect flipflop sandals, beach towels, sunblock, water bottles, juice boxes, beach toys, and swim suits (new or used) for people of all ages

Throw in the Towel – collect new towels (bath, hand, and face) for the homeless

Contact the Volunteer Department at Holland Rescue Mission to request more detailed planning sheets for any of these ideas, or to arrange a tour or lecture in conjunction with your service project.

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