

SERVICE LEARNING

WHAT IS SERVICE LEARNING TO YOU?



Involves students in a wide range of **experiences** that often **help meet the needs of the community**. Community based service activities are paired with structured **preparation** and student **reflection**.

The Hands On Network's 7 tips for successful service-learning projects:

1. Choose age appropriate projects.
2. Keep it simple!
3. Have the students help plan the project (if they can).
4. Develop partnerships.
5. Engage students in reflection (homeschooling connection!)
6. Celebrate efforts.
7. Have fun!

WHY WOULD THIS BE
BENEFICIAL TO YOUR
STUDENT?



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RUNS HANDS AND HEARTS CLUB

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

- **Develop skills in**

- Critical thinking
- Creative thinking
- Empathy
- Problem solving
- Analysis
- Empowerment to share opinions/have a voice
- Curiosity
- Teaching others

- **Job skills**

- Collaboration/teamwork
- Communication
- Tolerance
- Work ethics
- Appropriate work habits
- Personal appearance
- Leadership
- Project management/organizing

- **Acquire Knowledge**

- Civic knowledge
- Environment
- Public health
- Disabilities
- History
- Economy
- Science
- Cooking/baking
- Caring for others
- Social awareness
- Political awareness
- Cultural sensitivity
- Citizenship
- Writing
 - Research
 - Writing letters
 - Interviewing
- Math skills
 - Measuring
 - Problem solving
 - Calculating
 - Graphing
 - Surveying
 - Budgeting
 - Qualitative and quantitative analysis

HANDS AND HEARTS CLUB

(MAKING THINGS TO GIVE TO HOMELESS PEOPLE)

On the job:

Planning, baking, empathy, problem solving, collaboration, communication, calculating, budgeting, measuring, organizing other people, creativity, art

Preparation/Follow Up/Connecting Homeschooling:

- **Research Proposition 2 that uses millionaire's tax revenue for homelessness prevention housing for persons in need of mental health services**

Skills: research, empathy, government, critical thinking, interviewing, etc.

- **Write a letter to a representative in support of Homeless Assistance Grants**

Skills: persuasive writing, research, economy, etc.

TYPES OF SERVICE LEARNING PROJECTS/CAMPAIGNS/ACTIVITIES

- Raise awareness of an issue
- Volunteer
- Raise money to donate
- Collect goods to donate
- Empower another person or group
- Start or sign a petition/pledge
- Challenge yourself or others to make changes
- Improve a space

What are some examples of service activities for each of these types?

SPECIFIC PLACES RECOMMENDED BY OTHER FAMILIES

- Communities Child (Lomita) (Homeless women with infants)
<http://www.communityschild.org/index.php?id=Contact-Us>



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Contact Us

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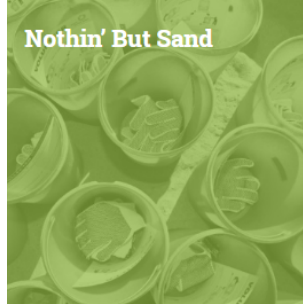


Nursing Homes - connection to Jordan's Writing Project - call the activities director to find a good time to come and spend time with a senior citizen <https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/11-year-old-girl-granting-wishes-of-nursing-home-patients/>

The donations have helped to buy clothing, corrective hearing devices, food, shoes, and the most commonly requested item amongst the residents: pet food.



Heal the Bay <https://healthebay.org/take-part/>



Nothin' But Sand

What: Our monthly all-ages beach cleanup bonanza.

When: 10 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday of every month except December.

Where: A different L.A. County beach each month.

Note: *This is a rain or shine event.* Cleanups are only cancelled for lightning or thunderstorms. We will still hold the cleanup in light and steady rain. In this case, please come prepared with a rain jacket, appropriate shoes, and an umbrella.

[RSVP ▶](#)



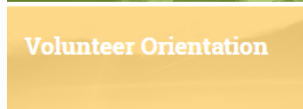
Wednesday Warriors

What: An office odyssey every Wednesday: Creative projects, data entry, supplies inventory, and more with Heal the Bay staff

When: Wednesdays, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Where: Heal the Bay HQ.

[Email Us ▶](#)



Volunteer Orientation







What: Attend one of our monthly Volunteer Orientations to learn more about Heal the Bay, our current issues, and how you can get involved with our exciting Aquarium, Beach, Outreach, Community Science and Youth volunteer programs.

VOLUNTEER WEBSITES

Volcenter.org – South Bay and Long Beach programs with opportunities to volunteer in the local area (website is a little sparse, better to visit in person: 1230 Cravens Ave, Torrance)

Organization	Location(s)	Area(s) of Focus	Minimum Age to Volunteer	More Information
1736 Family Crisis Center	Torrance and Wilmington	Family Services	18	Info for Prospective Volunteers
Beach Cities Health District	Redondo Beach	Family Services, Health	14	Info for Prospective Volunteers
Cabrillo Marine Aquarium	San Pedro	Animals, Environment	None	Info for Prospective Volunteers
Food Finders	Lakewood	Food Insecurity	7 with an adult	Info for Prospective Volunteers
Friendship Foundation	Redondo Beach	Youth With Special Needs	8	Info for Prospective Volunteers
James Armstrong Theatre	Torrance	Arts and Culture	15	Info for Prospective Volunteers
Los Angeles Maritime Institute	San Pedro	Maritime, Youth Development	None	Info for Prospective Volunteers
Madrona Marsh	Torrance	Environment	14	Info for Prospective Volunteers
Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy	Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills Estates, San Pedro	Environment	None	Info for Prospective Volunteers
Rancho Los Cerritos	Long Beach	History and Culture	13	Info for Prospective Volunteers

LAWorks.com - Another website with opportunities to volunteer in the greater LA area. An upside is that you can filter by age to eliminate age minimum restrictions

 	 	 
Fight Hunger at Wednesday's Farmers Market in Santa Monica	Make an Impact on Children in Need - Volunteer with	Tutor/Mentor Underprivileged Children
Los Angeles, CA	Los Angeles, CA	Signal Hill, CA
6 SPOTS AVAILABLE ON	13 SPOTS AVAILABLE ON	33 SPOTS AVAILABLE ON
2/6/19 12:00 PM	2/6/19 3:00 PM	2/6/19 3:00 PM


Allforgood.org, Volunteer.Unitedwayla.org, Volunteermatch.org


- “Craigslist” of volunteer website - cannot filter by age so look for age minimum restrictions



[Start a Project](#) [Register an Organization](#) [Find Ways to Volunteer](#)


[Caring Holiday Cards and Ornaments](#)


Hosted by: SouthBay Hands on Art
 13040 Cerise Avenue, Hawthorne, California, 90250, US

 Dec 9

We need families to help create caring holiday cards and decorations for care packages to be given to the children at the Richstone Family Center. We will also host a free ornament workshop . Come learn about...

[Connect. Encourage. Inspire. Become an EmpowHer Mentor!](#)

Hosted by: EmpowHer Institute
 3600 West Imperial Highway, Inglewood, California, 90303, US

 Ongoing


Have you been looking for ways to give back? Becoming a mentor and giving a little of your time can make a lasting impact in a young girl's life. We are currently recruiting volunteer mentors who will inspire, coach and...

[Help Families in Need This Christmas!](#)

Hosted by: St. Margaret's Center
 11033 Buford Avenue Lennox, CA, 90304, US

 Ongoing

[Food Pantry Help Needed](#)

Hosted by: Catholic Charities of LA - St. Margaret's Center
 Inglewood, CA, 90304

 Dec 31 - Jan 29

"DO SOMETHING" WEBSITES

Generationon.org – ideas for “projects” and “campaigns”. Ideas for how a student can organize an activity to benefit the community (example: start your own food drive). Website also gives lesson plans, fact sheets and other tools to help connect project to homeschooling. Good for leadership skills and narrowing in on specific passions

The screenshot displays four resource cards from the Generationon.org website. Each card features a blue icon on the left, a title, a brief description, and a 'READ MORE' button. The first card, 'Education & Literacy Books', includes filter buttons for 'Teens', 'Kids', and 'Families'. The other three cards, 'Hunger Fact Sheet', 'Disability Awareness Fact Sheet', and 'Human Rights & Discrimination Fact Sheet', include filter buttons for 'Teens' and 'Kids'.

- Education & Literacy Books**
Did you know that going to school isn't always as simple as hopping on the bus? This reading list has books for all ages that tell stories about kids, teens and caring adults who worked hard to make education and literacy a reality for all!
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- Hunger Fact Sheet**
Everyone feels hungry at times—but once we've eaten enough food, hunger goes away. However, not everyone has access to enough food to feed their families. Use this fact sheet to educate yourself and your friends and family about the issue of hunger!
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- Disability Awareness Fact Sheet**
When you think about disabilities, what comes to mind? Do you think of them as hindrances or just as something that makes someone different than someone else? Test your knowledge with this fact sheet and educate others about the ways disability affects us all.
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- Human Rights & Discrimination Fact Sheet**
Human rights have been debated for centuries. Every culture has had its own struggle in defining—and protecting—the basic rights of its people. History is full of examples in which discrimination has influenced laws and unfairly affected the lives of a specific group.
[Teens](#) [Kids](#)
[READ MORE](#)

Dosomething.org - a list of “campaigns” that students can participate in, with directions given to complete the campaign. Opportunities for scholarships



Grab the Mic

Take two minutes to hold your elected officials accountable.



Do Something About Gun Violence

Take two minutes to raise your voice for gun violence prevention.



Supplies, Sealed, Delivered

Provide one bag of daily essentials to a local homeless shelter.



The Five Actions Challenge

Five days and five ways to make an impact in your community.



SERVICE LEARNING ACTIVITY

PART 1

- 1. Read through the description of websites**
- 2. Choose one of the websites to visit and open it up on the Chromebook**
- 3. Take a little time to explore the website**

PART 2

- 1. Choose one service activity (campaign idea, project idea, fundraiser idea, volunteer opportunity, etc). Ideally choose one that works with your specific student's schedule. Read the overview.**
- 2. On the list below, check off the skills the students would develop by doing it.**

PART 3

- 1. Come up with a homeschool activity that precedes or follows the volunteering that builds additional skills.**