**SERVICE PROJECT IDEAS**

*Here are some examples of SUSTAINABLE (they last over time) and LAYERED (they have multiple parts) service projects. The MAIN idea of this project is that you find something you are invested in or passionate about. Think of your hobbies, interests or future career path to guide you.*

**Beautification Group**

Works with the parks department, Kiwanis and chamber to beautify Manson

* Could “adopt-a-park” (i.e. paint Singleton bathrooms, work on any maintenance of facilities)
* Could “adopt-a-project” (i.e. restore and repaint all Kiwanis benches downtown.)
* Could “adopt-a-project” (i.e. replenish and tend to flower beds downtown and in winter build hanging flower boxes as needed).

**“Drives” Group**

Works with Food Bank, Meals on Wheels and Manson Business/Chamber to lead and organize various food and clean-up drives to serve the community.

* Leads and organizes fall Community Clean-Up. Works with downtown business on specific cleanup projects
* Leads and organizes early-winter Food Drive and donates time at the Food Bank after the drive
* Leads and organizes spring Community Clean-Up. Works with downtown business on specific cleanup projects (repainting the apples on the ground; Apple Blossom Parade route beautification)

**Senior Citizen Focus Group**

Works with Senior Meals on Wheels, Heritage Heights and various churches to donate services to senior citizens

* Helps serve meals and clean-up at Senior Meals on Wheels on a monthly basis
* Reads to, talks with or plays games with senior citizens on a monthly basis at Heritage Heights

**Coaching Group**

Works with Manson Parks Dept for AAU and Mr. Sivertson to improve extracurricular opportunities for young students

* Coaches AAU sport(s)
* Organizes a small group “skills clinic” for elementary kids (Afters or summer)
* Leads fundraising for students who can’t afford equipment and/or ASB Card

**Appreciation Group**

Works with Kiwanis, Fire Dept., MHS and D.O. staff to lead and organize various gratitude events/meals/gifts

* Leads and organizes annual Kiwanis Appreciation Diner
* Leads and organizes Teacher and Classified Appreciation Weeks
* Leads and organizes School Board Appreciation Week
* Leads and organizes volunteers for the Volunteer Firefighter Dinner
* Organizes fundraisers as needed for the above events

**Reading Literacy Group**

Works with elementary staff, Manson Library and Heritage Heights to improve literacy in our community in all age groups

* Volunteers at the Manson Community Library
* Leads a “Reading Buddies” group with elementary students (during school or Afters)
* Creates and Leads a Manson Book Club at MHS. 1 book per trimester for 3 trimesters

**Math Literacy Group**

Works with elementary staff and principal to improve math skills at the elementary level

* Leads and organizes Family Math Night in early spring
* Leads a “Math Buddies” group with elementary students (during school or Afters)
* Mathlete Club Founder and Leader

**Heritage Group**

Works with Mrs. Velasco and various community members to celebrate cultural diversity in our community

* Founds and leads International Club at MHS
* Organizes and leads Cinco de Mayo Celebration
* Organizes and Leads Dia de los Muertos activities and celebration at MHS
* Assists with meals and childcare at PAC, FLI and Manson Inc. meetings
* Assists Mrs. Velasco with translation and communication

**Charity Group**

Organizes and leads three community service projects with various community members

* Trimester 3 (spring) Organizes “Back to School” backpack and charity event
* Trimester 1 (fall) Organizes “Manger Mall” toys, gift wrapping, advertising and clean-up
* Trimester 2 (winter) Organizes spring “Equipment for Athletes” and begins fundraising for a charity drive for students without means to purchase (this is just an idea—the fundraiser could be anything)…

**On-Demand Group**

As staff and community needs volunteers, this group is “on-demand” when they call for volunteers.

* Career and College Day Set Up
* Elementary Music Concert Volunteers
* School meeting babysitters
* Elementary Field Day
* Ski Swap
* Friends of the Library Book Fair
* AND LOTS MORE!!!

**Mentoring Group**

Works closely with Mrs. Helleson and Mrs. Plew leading small groups of at risk students

* Small group sessions
* Art with Heart—elementary helper
* Bridges

**LOCAL ENTITIES TO REACH OUT TO…**

*Not seeing anything you’re interested in, choose an entity and create your OWN service project. Remember it must be sustainable and layered!*

* Heritage Heights
* Manson Business Association
* Manson Parks and Recreation
* Chelan Valley Hope
* Chelan/Manson Food Bank
* THRIVE (teen center; Helping Hands)
* Habitat for Humanity
* Manson Fire Department
* Kiwanis
* Rotary
* Eagles
* Arts Council
* All Local Churches
* Chamber of Commerce
* Lake Chelan Community Hospital
* Manson Elementary School, Middle, High and District