



#S.E.R.V.E

SAVE
ENCOURAGE
REBUILD
VOLUNTEER
EXPERIENCE



WHAT IS SERVICE?

- **Volunteering** is generally considered an altruistic activity and is intended to promote good or improve human quality of life.
 - Projects?
 - Good Afternoon
 - Community Service



THOUGHTS ABOUT SERVICE

- Isn't it obvious what's considered service and what isn't...Do I really have to save a village of 30 kids to get some hours!
- It's a part of human nature to want to volunteer. Who wouldn't want to?
- I'm doing it for others anyway, not for myself...
- If I had the time, I'd totes do it!

COMMUNITY SERVICE V. FUNDRAISING

Community Service

- ◉ hands on experience
- ◉ Seeing the results right in front of you
- ◉ Being out in the community that's effected

Fundraising

- ◉ Gaining financial money to help a cause continue
- ◉ Raise awareness on an issue
- ◉ Can be a year long commitment or philanthropy

HOW DOES SERVICE HELP YOU

- ◉ Feeling of purpose
- ◉ Feeling of selflessness
- ◉ Unites people for a common cause
- ◉ Never an obligation, EVER
- ◉ Increases your social and relationship skills
- ◉ Increases self-confidence
- ◉ Looks great on a resume
- ◉ Teaches you job skills

HOW CAN I DO SERVICE EACH AND EVERY DAY?

26 Random Acts of Kindness

PROJECT LITTLE ACT

- ◉ We want to know how we can help?
- ◉ It can be the smallest, most random act of kindness!
- ◉ Need some ideas?

- ◉ 22 Acts of Kindness
- ◉ Think about someone in your life who you knows works hard!
- ◉ Give them a “pat on the back”

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF WHEN LOOKING FOR PROJECTS

- ◉ Would you like to work with people or would you rather work in solitude?
- ◉ Do you prefer to work alone or as part of a team?
- ◉ Are you better behind the scenes or do you prefer to take a more visible role?
- ◉ How much time are you willing to commit?
- ◉ How much responsibility are you ready to take on?
- ◉ What skills can you bring a volunteer job?
- ◉ What causes are important to you?

COMMON VOLUNTEER LOCATIONS

- ◉ Community theaters, museums, and monuments
- ◉ Libraries or senior centers
- ◉ Service organizations such as Lions club or Rotary clubs Youth organizations, sports teams, and after-school programs
- ◉ Historical restorations and national parks
- ◉ Places of worship such as churches or synagogues
- ◉ Online databases such as those contained in Resources section below

ASK QUESTIONS

- You want to make sure that the experience is right for your skills, your goals, and the time you want to spend. If you have any questions, be sure to speak up. Sample questions to your volunteer coordinator might address your time commitment, if there's any training involved, who you will be working with, and what to do if you have questions during your experience

MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHAT'S EXPECTED

- Before starting, make sure you are comfortable with the organization, know what is expected, and understand the time commitment. Consider starting small so that you don't over commit yourself at first. Give yourself some flexibility to change your focus if needed.

DON'T BE AFRAID TO MAKE A CHANGE

- ◉ Speak up if your experience isn't what you expected. Don't force yourself into a bad fit. Talk to the organization about changing your focus or consider looking for another match.

ENJOY YOURSELF...DUH!!!

- Most importantly, make sure you're having fun! The best volunteer experiences benefit both the volunteer and the organization. If you're not enjoying yourself, ask yourself why. Is it the tasks you're performing? The people you're working with? Or are you uncomfortable simply because the situation is new and unfamiliar? Pinpointing what's bothering you can help you decide how to proceed.