

Ideas for Christian Service:

1) The hungry, homeless and poor

- Make placemats for Meals on Wheels recipients
- Host a shoe-cutting party for Sole Hope! With your old jeans, help make shoes for kids in Uganda, so they are not affected by painful jiggers!
- Host a sandwich making party & pass out to homeless
- Put together sock care packages for homeless; a pair of socks filled with toiletries or snacks/nuts, etc.

2) The sick

- Spread cheer by creating holiday or get-well-soon cards for pediatric patients at your local children's hospital
- Donate children's books to a local children's hospital.
- Provide a meal for families at your local [Ronald McDonald House](#).
- Collect DVD's and videogames you no longer use/watch and donate them to a Children's Hospital for patients, or to [KidFlicks](#), an organization that set up movie libraries in the children's wards of hospitals.
- Make Fleece n Thank You blankets for children in local hospitals

3) The physically disabled and elderly/shut-ins

- Nursing homes-bring crafts and do group activities
- Read to blind persons
- Special Olympics Sponsorship
- Ronald McDonald House
- Hold a spa day at a nearby nursing home for residents; paint their nails, set/brush their hair.
- Collect used eyeglasses for the Lions Club

4) Youth and children

- Hold a book drive for a local elementary school in need
- Fill backpacks with school supplies for a struggling school.
- Create birthday bags for your local food pantry (birthday cake, hats, candles, balloons)
- Purchase coloring books and crayons and leave them in hospital waiting rooms/urgent care
- Collect used sporting equipment and donate to communities that do not have access (such as [Level the Playing Field](#) to help kids in the US or [IAYS](#) that works with the Peace Corps to deliver worldwide).
- Go through the books you've grown out of and donate them to the waiting room of a local dentist or doctor.
- Collect sleep-away camp items for [Camp Dreamcatcher](#), a program for children whose lives have been affected by HIV/AIDS.

5) Service Your Local Community Workers

- Bake goodies, such as cupcakes, and deliver them to your local police or fire station
- Thank First Responders - Adopt a local precinct, fire station or hospital department.
- Write thank-you notes to local police officers, firefighters or nurses in your community. Plan a monthly service day where you drop off treats and care packages for your adopted team
- Pass out water bottles to construction workers on a hot day
- Help Animals at a local animal shelter. Play with and walk animals, clean cages, brush them, and clean up after them
- Donate old towels and blankets to a local animal shelter
- Donate dog food, cat food, kitty litter to local animal shelter
- Donate gently used stuffed animals to a local firehouse or police station to give to children in emergencies

6) Community

- Plant a garden or tree that your school or neighborhood can enjoy.
- Adopt a highway and clean up litter