

EASY

Projects guaranteed to be a hit in your home, school, or community with few challenges in implementation and execution.

Bell ringers

Members needed: 1+

A great Kiwanis family inter-club opportunity

This holiday season, sign up to help your local Salvation Army help the underprivileged members of your community. Contact a volunteer specialist at your local branch and pledge to spend a few hours out in the cold. After all, it could greatly change a life.

Bright, shining service

Members needed: 3-5+

Take an afternoon to brighten the classrooms and corridors of your campus...*literally*. Gather a few members of your Key Club and equip them with glass cleaner, towels and everything else needed to cut through the grime on the windows. Extend the project to the entire community to make your service more visible, or to raise funds for your favorite service partner or charity.

Care cards

Members needed: 3+

A great service project to incorporate into a club meeting

Fashion handmade holiday, birthday or sympathy cards for members of your community or donate to your local Children's Miracle Network hospital. Write encouraging or inspiring messages inside each card and deliver as necessary. Remember to sign each card as "From the members of our local Key Club."

Club buddies

Members needed: The more the merrier

The start of the school year is, of course, the greatest time to bring new recruits to the Kiwanis family. It's also a prime opportunity to show your club's caring to the student body. To start each year, match upperclassmen Key Club members up with struggling freshmen, new students and potential Key Clubbers. Just saying a few words each day can make the fresh faces feel included and at home on the new campus—and can do wonders for your club's growth.

Coats for kids

Members needed: 3+

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Keeping warm in the winter months is something most of us take for granted. The same luxury, though, is tragically out of reach for many children—some, probably, even in your neighborhood. Before the coldness sets in, collect new or old coats from the members of your community. Then, contact your local Angel Tree coordinator or social service office to ensure they go to children in need.

Winning tips: Have convenient drop-off locations at schools, stores, etc. in your area. Then, see if a local drycleaner or laundromat would donate their services.

Grant a wish

Members needed: 2-5+

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The Make-A-Wish Foundation seeks to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses to boost their morale, and possibly even fulfill their wildest fantasies. The average wish, which can range from meeting a celebrity

to seeing the Super Bowl, costs about US\$7,000, so Make-A-Wish needs our help! Contact your local office to see how you can donate your time, expertise, funds or even frequent flier miles today.

Winning tips: Measure success in wishes. When you've raised US\$7,000 or volunteered in one fantasy, declare "One wish granted!" to your school and community.

Miracle minute

Members needed: 5-10

At your next school dance, Key Club event or party, promote the Key Club values by hosting a Miracle minute. For sixty crazy seconds, blare your favorite music and make your way through the crowd to collect pocket change, etc. After one minute, count the donations and announce the amount you were able to raise. Remember to advertise heavily before the dance or event, and consider having a reward (like extending dance time) if the crowd reaches a sufficient benchmark.

Pay it forward

Members needed: The more the merrier

A great service project to introduce at a club meeting

Turn service into a traded commodity at your school by pledging to pay it forward. Begin by printing business cards with inspirational sayings, interesting facts and of course the Key Club logo, and your new motto, "pay it forward." Then, as you help a fellow student pick up his books, pay for the next car's fast food at the window, etc., pass along one of your cards and urge the recipient to show their thanks by performing another act of kindness and passing along the card.

Spirit wear

Members needed: 2+

Design and produce school spirit apparel and sell it to your student body for a discount price. Offering attractive tees, sweats and more can raise virtually unlimited funds for your club's favorite charity.

Read-a-thon

Members needed: 5+

Volunteer at a local library or elementary school to host a reading day. Choose your favorite kid's book with an appropriate, important message and share it with the children of your community. Enjoy your unique opportunity to promote literacy and help instill a love for reading in the lives of participating kids.

Winning tips: Have extra copies so older students can follow along as you read, and consider having a hands-on project or craft ready for students when you've finished the story. Don't forget to practice your character voices beforehand to make the time even more enjoyable.

Ronald wants soda tabs

Members needed: 1+

Ronald McDonald House Charities provide roofs, beds and a comfortable life to families forced to travel far from home to seek treatment for their seriously ill or injured children. Treatments that can, in themselves, cause financial distress to a family, can last a day, a month or even longer. Ronald McDonald Houses located near major hospitals, especially those specializing in child care, can alleviate at least some of the stress by providing the necessities of life for free, so parents can stay focused on their child's recuperation. Collecting pop tabs in your school or community for donation to the Ronald McDonald House Charities can help fund this great work.

School supply drive

Members needed: 1+

Having all the necessary supplies to complete the year is vital to the academic success of every student. However, many young students in our communities go without each year. To address this, your club can host a drive to collect new or gently used supplies at the beginning and end of each school year. Supplies can then be donated in bulk to a local elementary school, since they'll know how to distribute them best.

Seeds of service

Members needed: 3-5+

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Want to liven up the look of your home, school and community? Take a few minutes this spring to plant flowers at your campus, park or just all around town. Doing so will beautify your area, and may even plant the seeds of service in all those who enjoy the plants, urging them to pick up where you left off.

Serving up the grub

Members needed: 3-5+

Donate your club's labor for an afternoon or evening stocking shelves at your local food pantry, or serving dinner to the less fortunate at a nearby soup kitchen. This is one of the fastest and best ways to *see* the difference in the faces of each and every life you'll touch.

Winning tips: Host a food drive for these organizations and bring everything you've collected with you. Feeding America is available to help with food drives across the United States. Log on to www.feedingamerica.org.

Spirit week

Members needed: 3-5+

One great way to raise awareness for your club and the partners it sponsors is to host a spirit week at your school. Decorate the halls, invite students to dress up in crazy spirit wear, and show off what your dedication to service means for the world around us. Go the extra mile and host a dance blowout at the end of the week, and look into electing your own Key Club royalty.

Winning tips: Try scheduling your spirit week for the establish Key Club Week, during the first week of November.

Telephones for troops

Members needed: 1+

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Do you have drawers of old cell phones collecting dust in your house? What are you supposed to do with them when you upgrade, anyway? This project would have you collect your own phones along with your schoolmates and donate them to the www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com initiative. These old phones, worth little to you and I, can create a vital link between overseas soldiers and their families back home.

Thank a teacher

Members needed: The more the merrier

A great service project to incorporate into a club meeting

As students, nothing we do would be possible without the help of our schools' faculty and staff. Consider showing your thanks to these important figures by designating one or more meetings per year to card creation. Let each faculty member in your school know how much they're appreciated by writing inspirational messages of thanks inside personalized cards. Personally delivering them can also add a special touch.

Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF

Hit the streets this Halloween to help ensure the well-being of children everywhere! Dress up as the scariest version of yourself and collect not candy, but monetary donations on October 31. Your donations, sent to the Key Club International Office, will be sent to aid in Key Club's UNICEF project—a real way for you to make a difference globally!

Winning tips: Be aware of your town's rules regarding trick-or-treating, it may not be permissible in every neighborhood. Travel in one large group, or split up into teams to turn the event into a fundraising contest!



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Usher me in!

Members needed: 3-5+

School play, graduation, baccalaureate, no matter the occasion, Key Club can add some class. Serving as ushers to guests of honor or the general public at your school's next big event can ensure each guest is safely and correctly seated. Roll out the red carpet this year and show off the swank of Key Club International.

Winning tips: Dress appropriately for the occasion. Offering to check coats at the door can add an extra level of convenience for guests, and can even serve as a great fundraiser for your club.