

# MODERATE

*Projects that may require advanced planning and extra hours, but are sure to make a measurable difference in your home, school, and community.*

## Beads of Courage

*A great service project to incorporate into a club meeting.*

**Members needed: 2+**

Beads of Courage is a program based in Tucson, Arizona, that aims to support children recovering from various ailments. For each night spent in the hospital or every procedure undergone or shot taken, children are encouraged to add a bead to their recovery bracelet. By the end of their hospital stay, children have both a beautiful reminder of their strength and courage, and complete ownership in their recovery.

**Winning tips:** Raise funds to purchase beads to donate, or spend some time at an upcoming meeting creating starter bracelets to take to a local children's hospital. For more information, visit [www.beadsofcourage.org](http://www.beadsofcourage.org).

## Book drive

**Members needed: 3-5+**

*A great Kiwanis family inter-club opportunity*

Old books, new books, kids' books, comic books, there's a use for them all. Hold a drive to collect gently used books in your school district's elementary, middle, and/or high schools and distribute the books to needy libraries or students. Making new pieces of literature available to the children in your area will open doors for them like no other project.

**Winning tip:** Consider selling duplicate books for US\$25-50¢ and using the proceeds to purchase more new books.

## Concessions

**Members needed: 5-10+**

Set up a snack bar at your school's next sporting, fine arts or other extra-curricular event. Selling snacks, drinks, food and souvenirs to attendees can rank in the chance for your favorite charity fast!

**Winning tips:** Pick a good location, one with access to electricity and water. Know your customers. Buy products you know spectators will like in bulk to save on overhead costs.

## Dance marathon

**Members needed: 5-10+**

Each year, Children's Miracle Network affiliates worldwide hold official Dance Marathons. At these events, students and adults alike dance the night away to raise money for their local CMN hospitals. Including a small cover charge for anyone who wants to take part and selling your own concessions once dancers have entered, you can raise a lot of money for the good of children—and have a whole lot of fun while you're at it.

**Winning tips:**

Designate the Key Clubber with the best taste in music (or the fullest MP3 player) to be the event DJ; this can save you the overhead cost of hiring a professional mixer. Also, consider having prizes available for the "last man standing" to encourage extra participation



Change race

**Members needed: 2-4+**

It's war! Set up one can for each class in your school and encourage students to deposit pennies and dollars into their class' can for positive points, and silver coins into the other class' for negative ones. US1¢ = 1 point, and a change race = a whole lot of fun.

**Winning tip:** Keep students informed by counting the change often and announcing point standings.

First aid class

**Members needed: 3-5+**

Offer a free first aid class for kids and community members in your area. Find a professional willing to donate his time or do your own research to teach basic first aid facts and action plans for situations likely to happen around the house, school and outside. Making the class fun and informative for kids can ensure children's safety whether adults are around or not.

Gift wrapping

**Members needed: 5-10+**

***A great service project to incorporate into a club meeting!***

During the holiday season, find local groups buying presents to donate to charity and offer to wrap for them. Try to get paper and ribbons donated, or fundraise to buy the necessities. You can even open the service up to the community for a small charge to raise money to buy more gifts, or to cover the expense of the project's materials.

**Winning tips:** Label presents clearly and correctly as you wrap them to make sure all the packages get back to their respective givers/groups. Play music or movies while you wrap to make the process more fun for everyone involved.

Homeless shelter birthday parties

**Members needed: 3-5+**

Host monthly birthday parties for kids at your local homeless shelter or community center. Bring games, gifts, cake and refreshments and the spirit of fun to these less fortunate children and leave a lasting impact on the community.

**Winning tips:** Get gifts, party supplies and food donated, if possible. Show up early to decorate, and be sure to go all out to make the event extra special.

Kid's booth

**Members needed: 5-10+**

At the next community carnival or fair in your area, do something to keep the local kids busy. Offer to run a kid's booth with games, face painting and plenty of crafts, all for free to ensure the event is fun for everyone.

**Winning tips:** Get permission from the event's sponsor beforehand. Show up early to set up, and plan to stay late to pick up once everything's finished.

Kids' safety maps

**Members needed: 3-5+**

Want to keep kids in your neighborhood safe? Map out the best routes from your neighborhood to the local elementary and middle schools and distribute the maps to area youth. Using them will keep kids safely away from danger while encouraging social science skills.

**Winning tips:** Ask police, school officials or other experts for their recommendations on the best and safest walking routes.

Lights, camera, goodbye

**Members needed: 3-5+**

Give each senior in your school's graduating class 45 seconds in front of a video camera to say farewell to the school. The DVD can also include shots from prom, graduation and other big events throughout the year. You can sell copies as a fundraiser for your favorite charity, or give the work away to any student who supplies a blank DVD.

Museum guides

**Members needed: 5-10+**

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Volunteer at your local art, science or history museum to show visitors around. Share some background information and lead tours for kids and adults alike to encourage an interest in your local culture. Don't forget to read up on the subject beforehand, though.

**Winning tips:** Go the extra mile and print maps to distribute to patrons, and use them to study up at your club meetings; having guides well-versed in the layout and contents of the museum can greatly improve the quality of your service.

New teacher/student survival kit

**Members needed: 3-5+**

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Help new teachers or students get through their first few days by putting together free survival kits for them. By providing them with a small token of your caring, you'll introduce the new additions to your school to the value of having such a great service-leadership organization on campus.

**Winning tips:** If you plan to create packages for new teachers, see what veterans of the trade would suggest. Commonly requested materials might include dry erase markers, highlighters and loads of caffeine. Donating all your kits to your school's administration near the end of the year can have them ready to go once the new school year rolls around.

Pet adoption drive

**Members needed: 5-10+**

Work with your local animal shelter to help give abandoned pets a home in your community. Hold an expo so everyone can see the cute and cuddly animals, and have plenty of shelter personnel on hand to help people take them home. Holding a lottery drawing for anyone who adopts and advertising can go along way in changing the lives of local pets and new pet owners.

Prom rescue

**Members needed: 3-5+**

Talk to your local tuxedo rental location or dress retailer and see if they'd be interested in loaning tuxes or dresses to disadvantaged students for the night of prom. If no, ask them to offer discounts or no- or low-interest financing options to that all your school's students can participate in that one night to remember.

**Winning tips:** Asking your classmates to donate or cheaply sell their past prom attire can also provide a low-cost option for the less fortunate students at your school.

Powder puff

**Members needed: 5-10+**

For this project, have the girls and the guys of your school's Key Club or sports team switch sides. Let the girls play each other in a good old fashioned game of football, basketball, etc. while the boys cheer them on. Sell tickets at the gate and donate the proceeds to your favorite charity.

**Winning tip:** Consider holding a sporting event in which a sports team competes with teachers.

Senior's game day

**Members needed: 5-10+**

Grab all your favorite board games, Bingo, cards and snacks and head over to the senior center to infuse a little fun into everyone's day. Use the opportunity to get to know your community's elders, and enjoy yourself as you log service hour after service hour.

Tape a teacher

**Members needed: 5-10+**

Sell 1-foot-long strands of tape for US\$1 to students eager to tape a teacher to the wall.

**Winning tips:** Picking a really popular (or maybe a really *unpopular* teacher can boost participation in your fundraiser.) Remember to set the ground rules early, no tape in a volunteers face or hair.

Tutor time

**Members needed: 5-10+**

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Volunteer at a local elementary school to tutor the students there. Visit the after school programs or late busses and spend some time helping students finish work, prepare for tests and gear up for a successful future.

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**Winning tips:** Act appropriately at all times - little eyes will be watching. Be sure get the school administration's permission before setting up your tutor time. Remain patient with students and remember to offer plenty of compliments.

Voter registration drive

**Members needed: 5-10+**

Before your city, county, state or national elections, host a voter registration drive in your school or around your community. Get all the information you need and present it to 18+ year olds to encourage them to vote.

**Winning tip:** Targeting your classmates first can boost the youth vote while giving you valuable practice before you hit the streets/community center to convince the general public.

Walking beads

**Members needed: 3-5+**

At your next Relay for Life or special charity walk event, set up a walking beads stand. For a US\$5 donation, give participants a string and special bead. Then, for the rest of the night, as they finish laps, give participants another colored bead. Include special beads for survivors or family members and 1-mile and 5-mile accomplishments. Donate the proceeds of the event to your favorite charity.

**Winning tip:** For Relay for Life, make sure you stay up all night to serve everyone who walks.

Walking day

**Members needed: 3-5+**

Promote good health at your high school by planning a walking day. With the help of your school and public administration, set up a path around your town and encourage students to come walk with you.

**Winning tips:** Plan service projects along the route to help get your community in shape at the same time you shape up. Also, consider providing or selling healthy drinks and snacks for participants.