

COVID SERVICE IDEAS – We may be in the middle of pandemic, but we can still be a huge force for love and goodness!!!

- Ding dong ditch on neighbor's porch with planted flowers or candy grams.
- Genuine phone calls. (Especially to seniors.)
- Getting some friends together and picking up trash in your community.
- Writing snail mail letters to friends.
- Sending a care package to a deployed military serviceman/woman. https://www.operationgratitude.com/?fbclid=IwAR1_ape3Q0QFxoJVvLz59 U44kQuEaJP2HX_6MXuxbh3g4obzzWV-fYVfyxw
- Send a package to a prison inmate. (Check with the prison's website because typically you can only order from a specific site and they can only get them once a quarter.)
- Stocking stuffers for a few missionaries in your area.
- Maybe drive through an area of town that isn't the best, note the address of a couple homes/apartments, call the electric company and see if you can pay their bill anonymously.
- Simple cheerful texts messages.
- Deliver meals from restaurants to others.
- Donate to causes online/events.
- Send/drop off cards, letters, pictures to those in care homes and nursing facilities.
- Help a friend clean or organize their home.
- Nothing like homemade chicken noodle soup whether homemade or store bought delivered to neighbor not feeling well.
- Check with hospitals about providing meals or treats or snacks to the overworked staff.
- Deliver treats to first responders (police, fire) call first to get clearance.
- Grocery shop and do other errands for the elderly and disabled, many you might not usually think of as challenged.
- Assist projects transcribing historical records to electronic media such as genealogy sites, the Library of Congress, etc.
- Do zoom calls to a family with young children and read to them (giving parents a much-needed hour off!)
- Share links to concerts and uplifting podcasts.

- Volunteer at the food pantry (contact first).
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- Volunteer with the refugees (serverefugees.org).
- JustServe.org.
- Review United Way website for service opportunities.
- Crochet or knit beanies and donate to international organizations.
- Make quilts and donate to humanitarian organizations.
- Make small pillows for mastectomy patients to put under arm and donate to oncologists or American Cancer Society.
- Make a service jar for your children—do a service, take a candy or small toy.
- Make birthday cards for Meals on Wheels recipients.
- Collect food/donations for a food bank and deliver.
- Do mini oral histories call/zoom with an elderly person and record it. To go the extra mile, use Temi.com to get a transcription.
- Heart attack a person who could use it (tape bunches of hearts with sweet messages on their front door).
- Send/mail thank you notes to people you appreciate.
- Take children/youth and leave happy/loving messages at people's houses.
- Collect/donate baby items to Pregnancy Resource Center (call first to get list of needed items).
- Give away 5 smiles a day!