

Possible Day of Caring Project Ideas

Volunteers can be utilized to help your organization in different ways. They can do more than normal landscaping/yardwork projects. Be sure to think about your mission, programs, and events that are coming up, and think strategically about how a group of volunteers can help you meet your goals. Always remember to build in time to give a tour of your facility and share the mission of your organization!

Your agency must be able to provide the materials and tools for your project, unless donated from another organization.

Landscaping/Yardwork

This can include planting, sprucing up flower beds, clearing overgrown areas, mowing, mulching, raking, planting grass seeds, power wash sidewalks, etc.

Fencing

Volunteers can repair, replace, or install fencing. Wooden panels make the process easier.

Painting

There are all sorts of outdoor painting projects: walls, fences, playground equipment, outdoor furniture, re-painting parking lot lines and the school track markings, etc.

Clean-up

If you have broken outside furniture or debris on your lot, around your building, or on your street, ask to have it removed.

Revamping

This might include organizing, cleaning, painting, replacing the carpet etc.

Vehicle Washing

If you have service vehicles like buses or vans, get them washed and cleaned.

Window Cleaning

Volunteers can clean windows inside or outside for a building that shines like new.

Paint Murals

Have blank walls that could use some inspiration? Volunteers can paint murals indoors or outdoors.

Day with Clients

Have volunteers work with your clients, such as reading, creating finger-paints or art projects together, playing games, or sharing what they do.

Administrative Work

Have volunteers file or shred papers. They can also organize storage spaces and common areas, or stuff envelopes.

Special Event Preparation

Events are a task to put on! Volunteers can help with decorating/designing center pieces, helping with a mass mailing, preparing materials, and stuffing envelopes.

Create Bulletin Boards

Use construction paper, cotton filling, fabric, ribbons, and glue to create a new bulletin board for classrooms or a library.

Serve Meals

Volunteers can serve meals to clients in the lunchroom. Make it an official Lunchroom Appreciation Day!

Utilize Special Talents

Find out if project partners have special talents or training (skilled carpentry, plumbing, sewing, etc.) and put them to work!

Tutoring/Storytime

Volunteers can tutor students in any subject or do a Storytime with the kids.

Sanitization

Volunteers can clean and sanitize desks, computers, or any other commonly used objects. No janitorial work allowed.

After-School Projects

Volunteers can help students with their after-school activities like helping make posters for the football game or giving pointers and tips to students that play a sport.

Furniture Building

Volunteers can help assemble the furniture your agency needs for the office.

Organizing, Packing, or Distributing Food

If your agency provides meals or packs food for clients, volunteers can help assemble and/or distribute.

Wishlist

Sometimes volunteers are unable to participate in projects, but can donate food, meals, or materials to your agency.