

Ways to Give to Your Community

- Volunteer at a local non-profit agency/organization. Student will provide service in the minimum of three hours and documentation in a reflection log.
- Do volunteer work for individuals such as the elderly, local food banks such as Gleaners or community center that may need help. Student will provide service in the minimum of three hours and documentation in a reflection log.
- Write letters to each of the following you deem important concerning issues you deem important:

Your State House of Representative

Your State Senator

Your United States Representative

The two United States Senators from your state

- To find out your local Representative and Senator to the state Assembly use the search terms "state assembly" + [your state]. For the United House of Representatives use: <http://clerk.house.gov/>. To write to your two U.S. Senators visit: http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm
Your letters must include knowledge of how each voted or has spoken on the issue you are asking them to address.
- Educate others about an issue. Present your concerns and findings from your research to two social studies or English classes in your school other than ones in which you are presently enrolled. You may present to the local parent organization at their monthly meeting.
- Write three letters to editors of local or regional newspapers.
Indicate that you are aware of the lack of stance or their support in editorial policy of the issue you are supporting.
- Join a national advocacy group such as Amnesty International and do work for them (look on line for ideas). You must keep a log of activities, with a minimum of three hours of service logged and documented.
- Organize a group to participate in projects like the Heifer project, where you raise money to buy an animal for a family in a developing country or Habitat for Humanity. Keep a log of activities and projects in which you participated for a minimum of three hours of service.

*Use the <http://learningtogive.org> Web site for ideas concerning what other students and classes have done to give to their communities. Also, if you have a Service-Learning coordinator at your school, use that person as a resource for ideas. The local United Way organization can provide a list of member agencies.

