



## Service Projects

We know that teaching children to think of others is important. We know that children find it empowering to reach out and help others. A great way to do this is through service projects for kids (and if you google that your whole screen will fill up with lists of ideas!). We have donated old/ gently used toys to our local church for use in the nurseries. You can organize a canned food drive, or donate to your local Food Bank. We have knit baby hats (both on knitting needles, as well as using a round plastic loom) to donate for newborns at local hospitals.

My daughter and I attended a shoe cutting party done for Sole Hope ( [www.solehope.org](http://www.solehope.org) ). A teacher friend of ours was going to teach for the summer in Uganda and was going to take the denim cut outs with her so that children's feet would be protected from painful Jiggers. We have done blankets (they can be no-sew fleece) for Project Linus ( <http://www.projectlinus.org/> ) for children in need of comfort. A Counselor friend of ours had reached out to Meals on Wheels and told us they have placemats that kids can color and decorate for the senior citizens! What a great idea!

If you have children's movies on DVD that you don't need anymore, most children's hospitals are happy to take them to have available for pediatric patients. There is also a group called Kidflicks that will take those donations and get them to children's hospitals ( <http://www.kidflicks.org/> ). See what your children are interested in and see if there is an age appropriate service project to match. Whether it's collecting Doggles, food, and blankets for military dogs serving overseas, or for the puppies and kittens and the local animal shelter, kids like using their kind hearts and their good character to help make the world a better place!

Have fun and enjoy!

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<http://nisd.net/militaryfamilies/activities-military-children>