

District 5 Project 2024-2025: Supporting Children in our Community

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Supporting Children

More information on our project
and goals

Why this topic?

Caring for and working with children has always been one of my personal passions, and one that is shared by many members of the District 5 executive board!

According to the Florida Policy Institute, 20% of children in Florida live in poverty, with an average poverty rate of 14.5% across the 6 counties District 5 is comprised of, based on US Census data.

Our general goal throughout the year

Provide goods and services to aid, as well as create awareness for issues relating to the children in our community.

District 5's Approach

How will we address the needs of children in our community?

Multiple Parts

Throughout our 3 meetings over the next year, we will address different issues relating to children and childcare. We hope to achieve a greater communal impact by completing these projects as an entire district.

Connect with the Community

We will use connections throughout our district and schools to find different ways, such as schools, shelters, daycare centers, and foster care centers, to directly impact the lives of children.

Project Outline

1st District Meeting

Goods

- Simplifying the first step with a well-known service project: a drive
- Advertise to attending schools prior to meeting
- Examples: toys, socks, baby supplies, books

2nd District Meeting

Awareness

- Host childcare related workshops, presented by host school
- Additional programming at meeting aimed to highlight specific issues relating to children

3rd District Meeting

Service Reflection

- Prior to meeting, find childcare centers to do service projects at as a district, then present results at meeting
- Another route: schools can submit individual projects based on supporting children

School Projects

How D5 schools can support the children in their communities

Reach out to organizations beforehand

If interested in providing assistance to a specific children-related organization, find out what they might need from you before conducting a project for them. What they might need most might not be what you think of!

Use personal connections

Discover who your SGA members are and their stories - maybe someone in your organization volunteers at a childcare center, or has a parent working at a children's hospital, or has knowledge on the adoption and foster care systems! Even if you move on from these ideas, prior connections are a great starting off point to develop a project.

School Projects, continued

Some examples to spark
brainstorming within your councils!

Host a children's festival

Children love to play! Sometimes, free events are the only places a parent can afford to take their children. By hosting a fun event for local children to play games, make crafts, and maybe enjoy snacks, you open up a new opportunity for lower-income families to still enjoy the fun.

Collect donations for a hospital or foster care center

After contacting your organization in mind, reach out and find out what they may need to feel supported. Then, host a drive schoolwide to collect the materials! Promote participation by offering community service hours for best results.

School Projects, continued

Some MORE examples to spark brainstorming within your councils!

Partner with your local library

Libraries are a free resource for children to enjoy while staying educational. Perhaps your council can host a reading event to encourage younger and older children to find books they are interested in.

Help them celebrate the holidays

Partner with local children's organizations to make a wishlist for the holidays, then get parents, students, and your community involved to check off the items on their wishlist! Every kid deserves to celebrate.

School Projects, continued

Some MORE examples to spark
brainstorming within your councils!

For more general jumping off points...

- Collecting and distributing food, hygiene materials, toys
- Discover local organizations who are dedicated to helping children and partner with them in many ways
- Focus local, but even be an extension of a national program that is aimed at helping children

Organizations

Some examples of local, state, and national organizations
focused on supporting children



The Salvation Army



ChildFund Pen Pals



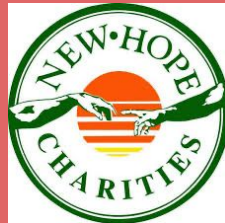
No Kid Hungry



Save the Children



**Children's Home
Society of Florida**



New Hope Charities



**Speak Up For Kids
Palm Beach**



**Little Smiles South
Florida**

Thank you!

Please join us in participating in projects to improve the lives of children in our community.

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