

## Group Project Ideas\*

\*Not all inclusive list (if you need some thoughts to plan/organize/lead logistics, let us know 😊)  
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### To involve United Way volunteers or other volunteers:

- Help youth & mentors set and write down goals for themselves using the SMART goal setting method, then create boards to hang up and keep them on track.
- Engage participants in a celebration, coming together around food, dance and conversation about community interaction.
- For homeless families with minor children in our facility, arts & crafts time with the children and projects themed around topic area that supports your work or their education.
- Take a group of participants to a location that enriches their lives or a place where they may not go to so they can learn through experience.
- Provide education & tools to help community members advocate for their own public/civil rights and the rights of others. Create signs displaying social issues/challenges they personally faced or see in their communities. Create an exhibit/art walk of the photos.
- Facilitate a connection between community members who are housed and those who are experiencing homelessness. Share wish lists encouraging community members to collect supplies. Volunteers pick-up and distribute the supplies on service day.

### Other ideas and examples:

Keep in mind, elements of these ideas can be combined – e.g. during the week an educational element and/or hands-on activity, and on service day participation in a community event.

- **Economic opportunity projects** (e.g. training and resources on debt avoidance, financial aid/saving for college, home buying, tax assistance services, resume review, borrowing and credit score review, outreach on GED programs or financial aid for college).
- Are you a **Free Tax Campaign site** or have clients who could benefit? Host a gathering or get the word out to let low-and moderate-income families know about these and other benefits.
- **Revitalize street or boulevards** – or the *people* who live along them- organizations on or near street come together with residents, businesses to learn and discuss issues or identify a need and act on it.
- **Engage youth, adults, and/or seniors** in learning/sharing about past *and present* experiences (via a film or presentation).
- **Host [peacemaking circles](#)** or other gatherings of people across race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, etc. to come together and work through issues or challenges.

- **Conduct resource mapping** during the week, identifying assets in your community. Learn about the history of the community where you live. Identify cultural and religious groups in your community that might be neglected – or could benefit from coming together.
- **Read books to kids**, help them create skits about social justice issues, and teach them peacemaking and anti-bullying communication skills – or have them teach each other.

Check out our website for other group opportunity ideas! 😊

These are examples from various organizations nationally.  
Please be creative and share your ideas! Thank you!! 😊