



VOLUNTEER CENTER
of South Jersey

**Looking for a project to do with your family,
group of friends or neighbors? If you need help,
don't hesitate to contact VCSJ.**

If you're an animal lover...

- Donate items that local animal shelters frequently use and need. Suggested items include: blankets and old towels; cleaning supplies: bleach, powder dishwasher detergent, anti-bacterial hand soap, spray bottles; pet food; newspapers.
- Create a [pet disaster safety kit](#) with your family
- Hold a bake sale or car wash to raise money for a shelter.
- Visit an animal shelter or zoo to clean and play with the animals.

If you enjoy the outdoors...

- Decorate an old plastic bin for [composting](#) and discuss the benefits of composting for the environment.
- Coordinate a group to perform a clean-up of your local road, park, or stream.
- Plant a tree in your backyard.
- Get together with a few families in your neighborhood and start a community garden.
- Go to an elderly person's home and help them with their yard work.

If you love to read and write...

- Donate gently used books to a local shelter, school, or doctor's office.
- Host a "hot potato reading night." Parents and children come together with their favorite book. Each parent reads their book with their child and when the time is up, passes their book to the next person. By the end of the night, each family should read each book!
- Create a reading space for children's books at a local prison. Prisoners can read to their children when they visit them, strengthening the parent-child relationship.
- Help a food bank include books in their weekly deliveries. Deliver books to food banks. Help the bank distribute books to families

If you like to organize...

- Clean out a closet as a family and donate gently used items to a local homeless shelter. Suggested gently used items include: clothing, coats, furniture, sports equipment, suitcases, blankets
- Go through your pantry and find non-perishable items (that are not expired) that would be appreciated by a food pantry, such as canned goods.
- Take a trip as a family to the grocery store to purchase items greatly appreciated by shelters.
- Put together a New Home Kit for someone moving from a shelter to their new home. Kits should include cleaning supplies and other essentials for someone starting a new home.

For more ideas, visit the Volunteer Center of South Jersey's Pinterest page at:

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Do-It-Yourself Project Checklist

Keeping track of your project will help you stay organized and allow to enjoy your project, here some simple steps you can follow!

Project Details:

Project Name	Date	Location	Start Time	End Time

Team Members (who will participate with you):

Name	Email	Phone Number

What do you need to complete your project?

Supplies/Donations	Contact Name	Contact Number	Contact Email

Reflection:

Why did you choose this project?

Did you enjoy coordinating the project?

Did you team member enjoy the project?

Will you do it again?

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