

Service Project Ideas

Color A Smile Foundation

<http://www.colorasmile.org/>

Color A Smile collects crayon drawings from school children. Every month they distribute these drawings to Nursing Homes, Meals on Wheels Programs, and Individuals all across the country. Their goal is to make people smile!

The majority of their drawings are mailed to senior citizens but they are happy to send 'smiles' to anyone who would like to receive them. Each month they send a new drawing to every individual on their mailing list. Anyone can contact them to add a name to the list. They also mail packages of several drawings per month to administrators of group facilities such as nursing homes and assisted living homes. These drawings can be displayed in common areas for everyone in the building to enjoy.

This is a great Daisy and Brownie Service Project that can be used as a meeting start-up activity. Pictures to color can be printed from the Color A Smile website. Then just mail them in to the foundation for distribution.

THE JARED BOX PROGRAM

<http://www.thejaredbox.com/>

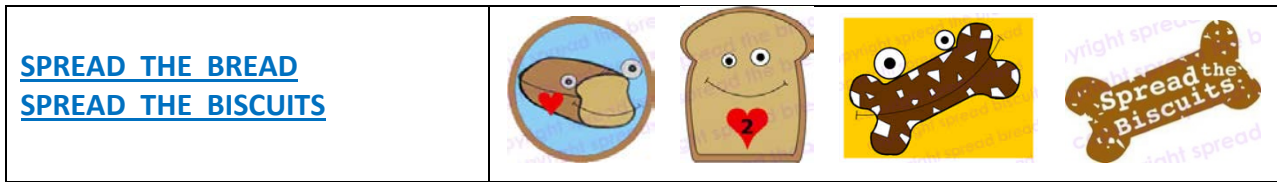
The goal of the Jared Box Project is to lift the spirits of chronically ill children. The boxes symbolize the importance of play and are filled with well wishes, hope, and love.

A Jared Box is a shoebox size plastic storage box filled with small gifts, toys, cards, and games. Each box contains items selected for a specific age and gender. The boxes are delivered to hospitals and are given to chronically ill children. The Jared Boxes provide a special diversion for young patients as they receive chemotherapy and other medical treatments.

The Jared Box Project is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All donations are tax-deductible.

The Jared Box project was started in 2001 by the children at Our Lady of Victory School in State College, PA to honor their classmate and friend, Jared. He was a brave little boy who battled cancer with courage and faith that continues to inspire us all.

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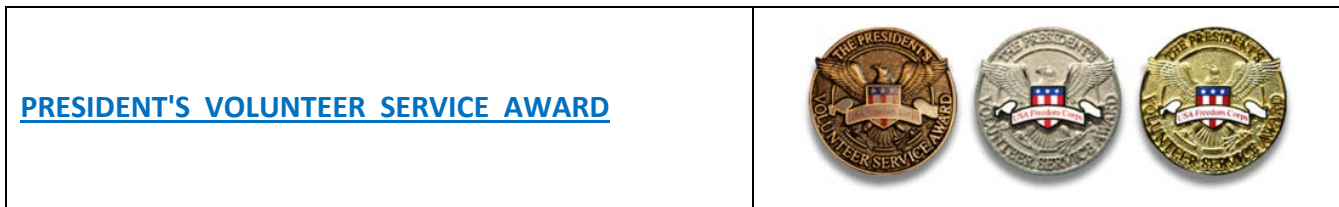


<http://spreadthebread.org/>

<https://www.spreadthebread.org/spread-the-biscuits>

Spread the Bread is a global grassroots bread-spreading initiative that encourages people to bake or buy a favorite bread, wrap it with a note of hope, inspiration or gratitude and offer that bread to honor a hero or help someone in need.

The programs also includes a component for baking dog treats for animal shelters called Spread The Biscuits. There are a couple of separate patches for each of the programs.



<http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/>

The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes United States citizens and lawfully admitted permanent residents of the United States who have achieved the required number of hours of service over a 12-month time period – or cumulative hours over the course of a lifetime.

This a recording mechanism for all of your volunteering that you do for multiple organizations. You don't volunteer for the PVSA, the PVSA is awarded in recognition of the volunteer hours you have spent in service to others. It can be especially helpful for girls in 8th-12th grade who will be filling out college and scholarship applications.

The Route 66 Service Unit is a Certifying Organization and can order awards. Please let Monique know if you would like the information about inputting hours and ordering awards for your troop or girls within your troop.