

SDRSP COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES
as reported for 2017-2018
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WITH OUR YOUTH

Many of our retired school personnel volunteers worked with the youth in their local communities. Listed activities were: volunteered at school, church work and youth group activities, church school teacher, Knights of Columbus, field trips, mission trips, fundraisers, Make-A-Wish, 4-H; set-up, filled, and delivered PACH (weekend lunches) or SOS or Back Pack food program materials; museum tours, ham radio events, poultry workshops, served on various organizational committees, made baby hats and burp cloths for new born babies, school book fairs, school recycling program, provided child care for parents of special needs children, conducted and assisted with the Grandparent Essay Contest, served as Reading Buddies, worked as crossing guards, helped with out-of-school programs – Busy Bees, B&G Club and Kids' Garden, baked cookies for SE Community Center kids' summer lunch program, built sets for youth theater groups, served on various scholarship selection committees; gave tours of the Capitol, Cultural Heritage Museum and Verendrye Museum; sewed little girls' dresses and baby quilts; helped with Ag Field Day, McClure Christmas Party, Pierre Youth Orchestra, Women in Science, and other programs through the SD Discovery Center; Special Olympics swim meet, Pioneer Lane for third graders' visit [700 students], mentored students, Human Rights Essay contest, two scholarships to teacher education students; donated to Family Connection to help buy games and provide for a party; collected items for children to give to their parents at Christmas time; selected a name from the community Angel Tree and provided gifts; participated in Operation Christmas Child, tutored youth, manned a booth for Treat Street on Halloween, worked at the city library helping with events for children, worked with youth on gardening projects, helped youth with service projects, worked Vacation Bible School, summer camp volunteer, transported children to activities, collected items for Beacon Center – a crisis center, collected school supplies, donated to the county Food Pantry, Mission Baby Care kits, school board, art show, reading to and with the children, judged the bike essay, Sunday School volunteer, worked on scholarship projects, substitute taught with no pay, provided free child care.

ADULT BENEFITS

The variety of volunteer service is as varied as the communities we serve. The adult volunteer services were: Unit meetings, church work, Benefits and Fundraisers, Feeding Others, Food Pantry, NAMI, library assistance, museum assistance, teaching others, Hospice, hospital visits, nursing home visits, hospital volunteer tasks; nursing home volunteer tasks such as nursing home bingo program volunteer, entertained and ministered to elderly in nursing homes, senior living facilities, and in homes of the elderly; general helping others such as completed housecleaning, yard work, and snow removal; Global Health Ministries, Relay for Life, served on a number of community and organizational boards and committees, Historical Society, Rural Water board, OLL volunteer, PEO meetings, CCHS meetings, Meet and Greet events, Sack Pack, library book store, church library, delivered Meals on Wheels, prepared and served at the Community Banquet and church out-reach meals, Civic Council thrift store, gave assistance with Part D and income taxes, filled Senior Boxes, assisted with outreach programs, stocked shelves at Feeding SD, assisted with Boy Scout Food Drive, filled and delivered Holiday Feast Boxes, delivered food donations and bread from local grocery stores to the Pantry; performed various duties for AARP, AAUW, Capital Area United Way, Countryside Hospice, Oahe Inc., Pierre Area Referral Service, the Salvation Army, Avera St. Mary's Home Health and Hospice, Avera St. Mary's Foundation, Rural Healthcare Inc., Parents Matter, Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, Pierre Players, Cultural Heritage Center, Christmas at the Capitol; served breakfast at the Banquet, packed lunches for Lunch Is Served, collected and packed 414 bags of greeting cards for Meals on Wheels, staffed Pioneer Lane buildings during the Sioux Empire Fair, donated to Feeding SD, were bell ringers for the Salvation Army and gave monetary gifts, gave \$200 to each new teacher for supplies, served a meal at the Ronald McDonald House, helped serve a meal at the Bishop Dudley House, provided treats on 9-11, stuffed envelopes for Banquet; donated toilet paper rolls, calendars, greeting cards, toiletries, box tops, and cool whip containers for Banquet [200 volunteers] – Meals on Wheels; baked goods for Veterans group, collected items for Beacon Center – crisis center, provided snacks for school personnel during American Education Week, donated items to the county Food Pantry, worked at the MARTA rummage sale, charity sewing, Pink Lady volunteers at the hospital, worked at the local Thrift Store, decorated a tree at the Grant County court house for the Parade of Trees, worked Vacation Bible School, served in the honor guard at funerals for veterans; worked with the American Legion, the VFW and the DAV (disabled Vets); volunteered at the local Historical House activities, drove people to appointments and activities, organized and prepared a Christmas Day dinner for community people in need of food and companionship, helped with projects for the Grant Roberts Developmental Disabilities Support Services, sewed mission quilts, Clothing Room Mission; served dinners and lunches at funerals; choirs, weeding and pruning, cemetery caretaking, Prairie Village Library cleaning and staffing, Rotary Roses, Senior Citizen Center, Pollock Community Foundation, Campbell County Economic Development, Regional Aging Council, worked at the museum school house building, worked on a plant and flower section at the Senior Citizen Building, church bazaars and church fairs, AWANA, Adult Bible study, baked for the elderly, made Valentines, attended lobby day, Teacher Appreciation Week activities, baked cookies for teachers, American Education Week activities, helped with self-esteem and citizenship projects in the classroom.