

**Community Service
Made Easy
By
Sacramento Children's
Home
Project Ideas for all Ages!**

*"Life's most important and urgent question is,
what are you doing for others?"*

-Martin Luther King, Jr.



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Dear Volunteer,

Founded in 1867 by concerned citizens, today the Sacramento Children's Home (SCH) continues to rely on the invaluable support of the community. We are inviting schools, community groups and service organizations to participate by completing a service project that will ultimately help our clients.

Take some time to look through this handy booklet of community service project ideas. Share the book with your peers and fellow club members. Our hope is that you will select a project idea from the book or create one of your own that will benefit the Sacramento Children's Home in a fun and fulfilling way. Should you need assistance in coordinating your project, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We appreciate your willingness and interest in helping others through community service. This is the year to make your mark!

Sincerely,

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White Elephant Sale

Students donate unique “white elephant” gifts that others can buy at affordable prices



(a white elephant is an item you have that you no longer need or want).

Hold a White Elephant Sale. This is especially popular at carnivals or around the holidays!

America’s Funniest Video Party



Ask the TV/ Film class to take candid video footage around the school. Schedule a “viewing” event to show the video to the Students. Sell tickets, soda and popcorn. If the video is a big hit, perhaps raffle off a copy or sell duplicates.



Awful Tie or

Ugly Earring Contest



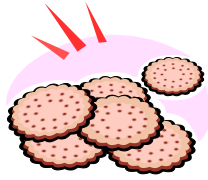
All contestants pay \$5 to enter the best awful earrings or ugly ties they own (or can make or borrow). Place voting boxes at various places around school and charge \$1 per vote. Students and faculty may vote as many times as they want for their favorite. Have a parade of all contestants, offering a last chance to vote at the end of the day. Circulate the names of the entrants the day before the vote and parade so students can anticipate voting!

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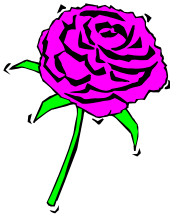
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Cookie Auction

Over the course of one week hold a cookie auction each day. Ask each club or class to select one day of the week to donate cookies to auction off to fellow students. Advertise the event and invite students and faculty to bid on the cookies!



Flower Gram

Ask local florist to donate carnations that students can buy and then send to their friends. Try the same event with candy or holidays (Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day,...)

Spelling Bee



Hold a spelling bee, charging a \$5 entry fee. Galley observers place \$1 bets on their favorite participants. Present the winner with a special "Dan Quayle Spelling Bee" award!

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Tailgate Party



Have a tailgate party before a big football game. Or have a tailgate party before a powder puff football game. Sell hotdogs, sodas and popcorn. This event may work for basketball, volleyball or baseball too!

Scavenger Hunt



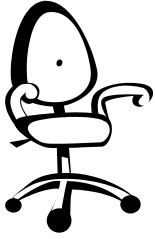
Students participate in a scavenger hunt that requires them to find baby food, new baby toiletries, diapers and baby items. Provide a list of typical items used by the Crisis Nursery for the hunt. Groups or clubs can form teams. Award the team that collects the most items with something special. Donate the items to SCH.



HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

PLAN A HALLOWEEN THEME AND HOLD A PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST. FIND A LOCAL BUSINESS WILLING TO DONATE THE PUMPKINS AND THEN SELL THEM TO PARTICIPANTS. OR HAVE EACH PARTICIPANT BRING IN A PUMPKIN AND CHARGE THEM AN ENTRY FEE. CHARGE \$1 TO VOTE FOR THEIR FAVORITE PUMPKIN.

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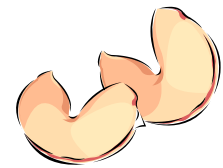
Chair Race



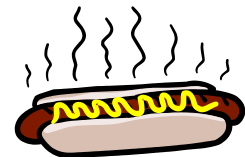
This event requires the participation of faculty. Set-up a relay course for faculty to go through sitting in chairs with wheels. Use a stop watch to time contestants, with the best time winning a prize. Observers wage \$1 on



International Food Day



Students team together or clubs join in to create tasty treats from around the world. Teams decorate their booth or tables and dress in appropriate costumes. Hold the event over lunch, allowing students to purchase tickets redeemable for food at the booths. A panel of “celebrity” judges awards prizes!



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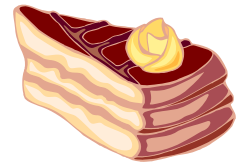


Student Cookbook

Collect and compile recipes and helpful household hints into a customized cookbook. The art class can create illustrations for the cookbook, including the cover. Print copies and sell the cookbooks to students, faculty, friends and neighbors!



CRAFT AND BAKE SALE



STUDENTS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THEIR HOBBIES AND SPECIAL TALENTS BY SELLING CRAFTS OR BAKED GOODS. THIS MAY BE A GOOD EVENT AROUND THE HOLIDAYS!

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Comedy Hour

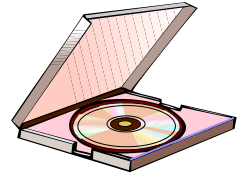
Local comedians amuse students during the lunch hour. Students buy tickets to attend the show.



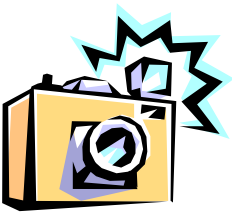
The comedians may even do the show pro bono.



Book, CD Video Sale



Students donate their old books, videos and CDs for a big sale. Invite neighbors and friends to shop on a Saturday! The student that sells the most wins a prize!



Baby Picture match Game

*Ask faculty to bring in a baby picture and a current picture of themselves. Invite students to try their luck matching baby pictures to the adult pictures of Faculty.
Charge students \$2 per ballot.*

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BINGO NIGHT

**Organize a BINGO Night at school.
Charge students for each BINGO game or round
they play. Sell popcorn, sodas and hotdogs.
Award a prize to the big winner!**



A Dollar An Inch Contest



**Faculty participate in an all-day competition to
end the day with the shortest neck tie.
Students pay \$1 each time they cut an inch
from the neck tie of their favorite faculty. The
faculty with the shortest tie at the end wins.**



Faculty Prison

**Transform an office into a jail cell. Next,
round up your prisoners (faculty). “Arrest”
faculty and allow them to bail themselves out of jail.
Students set the bail amount!**

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Karaoke Concert

Students pay \$2 to enter and are given a list of songs and a pledge sheet in advance. Participants ask fellow students to support them by pledging an amount of money. Hold a lunch time concert, "American Idol" Style.



FACULTY/COACH CARWASH



STUDENTS PAY \$5 TO HAVE THEIR CAR WASHED BY THE FACULTY OR COACHES. CHARGE EXTRA FOR SPECIAL SERVICES LIKE CLEANING THE INTERIOR OR POLISHING THE RIMS.

Baby Food & Diaper Drive

Collect baby food and diapers for the children at the Crisis Nurseries. SCH Crisis Nursery can provide flyers for the drive.

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Birthday Party Kits

Do a drive asking students to donate all the items needed for a birthday party—cake mix, icing, napkins, festive plates, candles, cups, balloons and party hats. SCH will give the kits to Clients with upcoming birthdays.

Baby Hygiene Kits



Ask students to donate toiletries such as baby lotion, Qtips, baby shampoo, diaper cream. Create kits that can be given out to SCH Crisis Nursery and Birth & Beyond clients.

**Create your own
project or event!
Be creative!**

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