

Community Resources

How today's youth can make a difference

Websites

<http://www.freethechildren.com>

The primary goals of the organization are to free children from poverty and exploitation and free young people from the notion that they are powerless to affect positive change in the world. Through domestic empowerment programs and leadership training, Free The Children inspires young people to develop as socially conscious global citizens and become agents of change for their peers around the world.

<http://www.nothingbutnets.net>

Nothing But Nets is a grassroots campaign to save lives by preventing malaria, a leading killer of children in Africa. With the money you raise, the UN Foundation and its partners work with the Measles Initiative – one of the most successful vaccination efforts ever undertaken- to purchase bed nets and distribute them in countries and communities in greatest need.

<http://www.epals.com/content/humanrights.aspx>

ePals is a safe social networking site that kids in classrooms around the world use to connect to one another, often doing joint projects.

<http://www.volunteersolutions.org/uwsem>

United Way volunteer opportunities

Working with United Way organizations

How to locate volunteer opportunities:

Enter area of interest under Keywords- add your zip code, click arrows at right of zip to show within 10 miles from your zip code.

Select your special issue/interest

Call agency and see if you can be a volunteer for them

<http://www.SERVE.net.org>

A website on service and volunteering that users can enter their zip code, city, state, skills, interests and availability and be matched with organizations needing help.

<http://www.usaweekend.com/diffday/honorees/index.html>

Website from USA Weekend magazine honors those Americans who help

others with tributes and awards as well as suggestions of how others can Make A Difference.

Activity

Collection of Necessities – Each month students bring in new, freshly packaged household items – paper towels, facial tissues, toilet paper napkins, etc. for distribution to a needy organization. Students can nominate various organizations for donations and state why each group qualifies for assistance. A “We Helped When We Were Needed” chart with the name of organization and date of assistance would be a poster of pride for all students.