Wolverines,

Here are some volunteer service ideas to get you started. Please be sure to review the <u>Blue Valley Service Award Guidelines</u> to determine what "credible" service hours entail.

Community Service Ideas:

- Pick up trash at a local park or in common areas of your neighborhood.
- Pick up limbs and yard debris for an elderly or sick neighbor.
- Take out the trash (or other outdoor chores) for a neighbor in need.
- Walk a neighbor's dog free of charge.
- Read to a younger neighbor and/or help them with homework/online school work.
- Provide childcare free of charge.
- Make dog toys for an animal shelter.
- Make blankets for dogs and cats at an animal shelter.
- Make holiday decorations for a local nursing home or shelter.
- Shovel snow from a neighbor's driveway free of charge.
- Clean out your old books and donate books to a reading program or a shelter.
- Make bookmarks and donate them to a local library, reading program, or nursing home.
- Write letters, make greeting cards or draw pictures to send to local nursing homes or assisted living facilities.
- Write letters to American service men and women, first responders and injured veterans.
- Clean out your closet and take unwanted clothing items and toys to a local homeless or women's shelter.
- Be the organizer of a pen pal program for seniors living in a nursing home or for veterans.
- Organize a collection in your neighborhood for items needed by a charitable organization.

Local Organizations that Will Accept Donations:

| Organization | Website/Contact Information | Type of Assistance Needed |
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| City Union Mission- provides shelter for homeless men, women and families in the metro area | CLICK HERE | Bake cookies, create welcome bags, participate in Mission: Christmas, make inspirational or seasonal wall and table decorations, give financially, sponsor drives and collect items listed on our home page. |
| Rose Brooks Center | joan@rosebrooks.org inkind@rosebrooks.org | Currently accepting only items from the urgent needs list, which can be found at HERE |
| | | Book Donations |
| Reach Out & Read KC | CLICK HERE | |
| | 2100 W 36th Ave #116, Kansas City, KS 66103 | |
| Heartland Book Bank | 2100 W 36th Ave #116, Kansas City, KS 66103 | |
| | | Book Donations |
| Brookdale Hospice | 844-321-7669 | Letters, greeting cards, holiday decorations. Call the facility for more information. |
| Missouri Palliative Hospice Care | CLICK HERE | Letters, greeting cards, holiday |

| | 816-401-9836 | decorations. Call the facility for more information. |
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| Cross Lines Community Outreach | CLICK HERE | See list on the website provided. |
| Operation Gratitude | CLICK HERE | Write letters, make cards, draw pictures to send to military personnel, first responders and injured veterans. |
| Humane Society of Greater KC | CLICK HERE Parallel Parkway Kansas City, KS 66104 913-596-1000 | Dog toys, blankets |
| KC Pet Project | CLICK HERE 7077 Elmwood Ave Kansas City, MO 64132 816-683-1383 | Dog toys, blankets |
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| Wayside Waifs | CLICK HERE | Dog toys, blankets |

For other opportunities and/or family opportunities, visit volunteermatch.org