100 Ways to Make a Difference in Your Community

- 1. Help teach a younger child to read.
- 2. Help cook and/or serve a meal at Christmas time.
- 3. Organize a bottle drive to raise money for a local charitable organization.
- 4. Make "I Care" kits with combs, toothbrushes, shampoo, etc. for the homeless.
- 5. Pack and hand out food at a food bank (Parkland Food Bank).
- 6. Adopt a "grandfriend" and write them letters and visit them.
- 7. Visit seniors at a senior's lodge.
- 8. Rake leaves or shovel snow for a senior in the community (Adopt A Driveway).
- 9. Pick up groceries for an elderly person.
- 10. Go for a walk with a senior in your community.
- 11. Deliver meals to homebound individuals (Meals on Wheels).
- 12. Hold an afternoon dance for your local seniors.
- 13. Teach a senior friend how to use a computer and the Internet.
- 14. Get involved in the Christmas bird count.
- 15. Tutor a student who needs help learning English or some other subject.
- 16. Organize a canned food drive.
- 17. Clean up a vacant lot or park.
- 18. Organize a fundraising event to raise money for a good cause.
- 19. Plant flowers in public areas that could use some color.
- 20. Volunteer to help at a special event in the community (Canada Day Stony Plain or Spruce Grove).
- 21. Set up a buddy system for kids with special needs in your community.
- 22. Raise money for Braille books for visually impaired people.
- 23. Read books or the newspaper on tape for visually impaired people.
- 24. Collect and bring toys to the children in the hospital.
- 25. Contact your local political representative about key issues.
- 26. Register people to vote.
- 27. Organize a public issues forum for your neighbourhood.
- 28. Volunteer at a polling station the day of an election.
- 29. Take a friend to the polling station.
- 30. Help clean up a local cemetery.
- 31. Offer to pass out election materials.
- 32. Plant a garden or tree where the whole neighbourhood can enjoy it.
- 33. Set up a recycling system for your home.
- 34. Organize a carpooling campaign in your neighbourhood.
- 35. Adopt and acre of the rainforest.
- 36. Clean up trash along walking paths or in a park.
- 37. Create a habitat for wildlife.
- 38. Create a campaign to encourage walking and biking.
- 39. Be a foster home for abandoned or rescued dogs and cats.
- 40. Walk a neighbour's dog or pet sit while they are on vacation.
- 41. Teach Sunday school.
- 42. Learn to be a peer counsellor.
- 43. Send a letter to one of Canada's veterans or overseas soldier.
- 44. Volunteer at your local Youth Centre (Stony Plain Youth Centre).
- 45. Participate in a marathon for your favourite charity.
- 46. Become a friendly visitor at the hospital (WestView Health Centre).
- 47. Mentor a young person.
- 48. Donate books to your local library.
- 49. Start a book club in your area.
- 50. Hold a door open for someone.

- 51. Donate your old computer to someone who needs one.
- 52. Give blood.
- 53. Coach a child's sports team.
- 54. Become an organ donor.
- 55. Teach a dance class.
- 56. Organize a project for National Youth Service Day.
- 57. Be a children's camp volunteer.
- 58. Go Christmas carolling in your neighbourhood.
- 59. Write a letter to the editor about an issue you care about.
- 60. Learn first aid.
- 61. Become a Big Brother or Big Sister.
- 62. Take groups on historical tours of your community.
- 63. Write a note to a teacher who had a positive impact on you.
- 64. Get together with some friends to buy holiday presents for a family in need.
- 65. Tell a custodian that you appreciate him/her.
- 66. Hold a teddy bear drive for foster children, fire victims, etc.
- 67. Make a care package for an elderly person.
- 68. Teach at an adult literacy center (Parkland Adult Literacy).
- 69. Sing for residents at a senior's lodge or at the hospital.
- 70. Befriend a new student or neighbour.
- 71. Babysit for a family so they can have an afternoon out.
- 72. Coordinate a book drive.
- 73. Donate money to your favourite charity.
- 74. Make guilts or baby clothes for low-income families.
- 75. Bake cookies and bring them to your local fire department or RCMP detachment.
- 76. Donate toys to the thrift store.
- 77. Visit with people in the hospital.
- 78. Start a neighbourhood welcome committee.
- 79. Clean windows at the gas station.
- 80. Carry out groceries for people at the local grocery store.
- 81. Help shelve books at the library.
- 82. Read stories to children at the library.
- 83. Help people on the computer at the library.
- 84. Fill up water jugs for patients in the hospital.
- 85. Make Christmas Hampers for local families.
- 86. Join a Youth Council.
- 87. Input data into a computer for an organization.
- 88. Help teach swimming lessons at the local swimming pool.
- 89. Do computer research for an organization.
- 90. Design a website for an organization.
- 91. Organize a BINGO at the senior's lodge.
- 92. Host a Turkey Dinner for seniors in your neighbourhood.
- 93. Paint over neighbourhood graffiti.
- 94. Help give tours of your local museum.
- 95. Volunteer at the local arts theatre.
- 96. Call to check up on local senior.
- 97. Deliver flyers for local businesses.
- 98. Listen to the stories of seniors.
- 99. Setup a recycling program in your school.
- 100. Contact the Stony Plain Volunteer Centre for more information on possible volunteer opportunities!





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