

Projects of All Types & Sizes!

IMPORTANT: Make-A-Wish **does not allow door-to-door fundraising or telephone solicitation.** Just about anything else is fair game!

There are so many different types of volunteer projects. Determine how many events you want to include in your project and what size. Feel free to choose one of the ideas below or think of your own!

HAVE VOLUNTEER HOUR REQUIREMENTS?

You are welcome to choose from these options to complete volunteer or community service hours for school, church, Boy/Girl Scouts, or anything else!

1-5 hours

- **Have a bake sale** – volunteer your time making baked goods and working a sales table in the community. Get permission to sell your snacks on your school campus at lunch, at a school football game or outside a local grocery store. Keep your table stocked with Make-A-Wish brochures you can get from our office to help raise awareness for our cause.
- **Build a wishing well** – record the time it takes you to create a well out of cardboard, coffee cans or a new metal trash can, and get permission to place it in your school office, in teachers’ classrooms or at a central spot on campus to collect spare change. Your wishing well will raise both funds and awareness for Make-A-Wish as people make their own wishes.
- **Create a Make-A-Wish paper star wall** - and have people make a donation to add their name. This creates a wonderful visual for Make-A-Wish and can be done somewhere on campus, in a teacher’s classroom or even in a parent’s office or workplace (with permission).
- **Penny War** - Each grade level competes against each other to collect the most pennies. Students are encouraged to put nickels, dimes and quarters in another grade’s container to get the corresponding amount of pennies subtracted from their total count! Have prizes for the winning group!



- **Candy Guessing Game** - Fill a large jar with candy. Have students pay to guess how many pieces are in the jar. The winner keeps the candy!
- **Pizza for Lunch Sale** - School food can be boring after a while so, grab some pizzas and resell them by the slice to students who are anxious for a lunch alternative.
- **Candy Bar Sales** - Purchase candy bars in bulk and resell them (with a mark-up, of course) at sporting events and other extracurricular activities.

5-10 hours

- **Hold a letter-writing campaign** – Send letters to your closest friends and family letting them know about your project and how they can help! Have those who want to support your project send donation checks made out to “Make-A-Wish” to you, then compile them all and turn them in to our office. Or, ask us how you can create your own web page where you can collect donations online! We have sample letters and emails available.



- **Recycle** – Help the environment and Make-A-Wish kids at the same time! Volunteer your time collecting recyclables from neighbors or classmates and turn them in at a local recycling center for proceeds that you can donate to make wishes come.



- **Ice Cream Social** - You Scream, I Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream! Host an ice cream social for your group's next fundraiser. Sell the ice cream plus an additional amount for each topping option.
- **Movie Night in the Auditorium** - Sell tickets to movie night for \$5 each. Take it to the next level by selling candy and popcorn with the proceeds to benefit Make-A-Wish.

10+ hours

- **Host a Talent Show** – Organize groups of talented students to perform in a talent show. Charge an admission fee and have information about Make-A-Wish out on a table. You can even play an inspirational wish video or have a Make-A-Wish speaker come talk to the audience about the impact of a wish during intermission.
- **Host a Fashion Show** – Coordinate an event to show off the latest fashions. Find students to design outfits or ask local small businesses to donate some of their clothes for the night as a way to promote their products! Charge an admission fee for a fun show the community will not want to miss, and consider asking the company to donate a portion of proceeds from any sale they make as a result of the show.



- **Organize A Flash Mob** – Everyone wants the chance to be in a flash mob and you can organize one! Charge participants to be a part of the group. Choreograph the dance and host workshops or create a video to teach participants. On the big day, wear Make-A-Wish T-shirts and place cans around the area for donations.



- **A-thons** - Reserve a fitting location such as your school track gym or cafeteria to hold a jump rope-a-thon, dance-a-thon, walk-a-thon, or jog-a-thon. All participants then get their friends and family members to make pledges for each lap they have to run, each minute they jump or dance, etc. Students can receive prizes based on how much money they raise.



- **Student/Teacher Sports Event** - Home football and basketball games attract a lot of school fans. At halftime, students and teachers can compete in games or other sporting events. For example, students and teachers can purchase the opportunity to compete in a half court shooting competition and win a prize if they make it.



- **Talent Show** - We know some pretty talented kids. Celebrate your awesomeness by hosting a talent show with admission fees going to Make-A-Wish.
- **Sports Tournament** - Host a basketball, softball, soccer or kickball tournament. Charge a flat fee per team that participates. For a little extra revenue, be sure to also sell some snacks on the day of the tournament.
- **Pie-in-the-Face Stand** - Teachers and faculty volunteer to participate and then students pay with a donation for each pie tin filled with whipped cream.

