

State-wide 4-H Community Service

4-H Clubs and groups will collect items to benefit the greater community through the Four Seasons of Giving and 2022-2023 will emphasize food insecurity. Suggested community service outreach projects and locations are listed in the chart below for each season, but clubs can still choose to conduct their own traditional community service project.

- **Contact the recipient prior to collecting items to learn about specific needs, hours of operation and timeline.**
- **Reminder we cannot accept money to donate to another group/organization.**
- Items going overseas takes time –Ex: most Christmas items collected and packed in October.

| Season | Items to collect | Where to Bring |
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| Fall (October – November) | New Toys or Games Christmas presents for military children Baby items | Local children’s hospital or shelter Military Base Project New Hope Food & Baby Pantry for Veterans |
| | Hats, mittens, scarves, warm socks Cards and Toiletry items | Local shelters, Veterans’ group Department of Children and Families |
| | Glean food from field Collect non-perishable food for people and pets | Local Shelters/ Food Banks Project New Hope (Also has a Baby Pantry) |
| Winter (December – March) | Collect coats, gloves and winter clothing | American Legion Salvation Army Goodwill |
| | Non –perishable Food for People and Pets How about a B-Day box? | Local Shelters/Food Banks Project New Hope (Also has a Baby Pantry) |
| Spring (April-June) | Pet supplies - see “Helping Animal Shelters” for ideas and don’t forget to reach out first. | Local Veterinarians/ Animal Shelters Food Pantries will often take too |
| | Children’s books, coloring and art supplies. | Local library, Day Care Centers, Summer sites Children’ hospital |
| | Non –Perishable food Diaper drive | Local Shelters/Food Banks Project New Hope (Also has a Baby Pantry) |
| Summer (July-August) | Children’s outdoor toys | Family Shelters or Housing Authority |
| | Back to school Supplies Backpacks Gently used suits | School on Wheels: schoolonwheels@sowma.org DCF, Military Bases or Project New Hope Dress for success |
| | Non-Perishable Food items - kids home from school, summer picnics (Condiments) | Local Shelters/Food Banks |
| Anytime | Make or collect Cards | Veteran’s, Nursing Home, Children’s Hospitals |

September – don't forget to include it in the club report.

Share photos and updates throughout the year so we UMass 4-H and the Massachusetts 4-H Foundation can highlight.






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Reporting:

- Clubs must report results on Survey Monkey during each “Season” to be eligible for the incentive. The link will be sent out at the end of each season and be open for three weeks for clubs to enter their data. Reminders will also be in the News blast and the link available from your local educator.
- Clubs can choose to do as many projects each season and during the year

Incentives: (One per club per season of participation)

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| <p>First Season</p> |  <p>Pledge/Pennant Set - 8 patches - 20 Bookmarks - or single base flag set</p> |
| <p>Second Season</p> |  <p>Zippered padfolio - scrapbook kit & cards- gavel or tote with club name</p> |
| <p>Third Season</p> |  <p>2 x 3 4-H Flag –flag set- Custom 2 x 4 club banner from staples- 7officer pins (We are looking to have customized pins/badges for MA with positions.)</p> |
| <p>Fourth Season</p> | <p>Choice of curriculum- or club pizza/ice-cream party.</p> |



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