

## Kids Week Project Ideas

Kids Week is a great opportunity for your chapters to celebrate kids! There are so many things you can do, here is a list to get your creative juices flowing.

- Assemble book bags for babies delivered at your local hospital – include a baby book, reading tips for parents, library location and schedule, nursery rhymes, poems, songs, and don't forget information about your Women of Today chapter!
- Hold a book drive or school supply drive
- Host a story hour at your local library
- Make or decorate bookmarks and donate them to a local reading program or library
- Raise money for your favorite youth organization (Consider First Book – [www.firstbook.org](http://www.firstbook.org))
- Have a chapter family BBQ at a local park
- Host a family game day
- Assemble birthday bags for your local food shelf or for Cheerful Givers ([www.cheerfulgivers.org](http://www.cheerfulgivers.org))
- Make fleece blankets for kids in the hospital and don't forget to invite the kids to help! Check out [www.projectlinus.org](http://www.projectlinus.org) for patterns and to find drop off locations.
- Make cards for sick kids. Check out [www.makeeachildsmile.org](http://www.makeeachildsmile.org) for details.
- Organize a collection of something needed in your community. Speak with your local food shelf or community closet to determine what is needed most. Consider items such as blankets, linens, clothing, towels, and more!
- Host a "Create a Giving Box" party. The Giving Box is a box where the entire family can put their extra change and at the end of each month (or year) the money in the box is donated to a charity of their choice.
- Host a family service event for your community. Visit [www.doinggoodtogether.org/FamilyServiceNight.html](http://www.doinggoodtogether.org/FamilyServiceNight.html) for full details!
- Write letters and draw pictures to send to soldiers overseas.
- Decorate placemats to donate to the local Meals on Wheels or similar organization.
- Create care packages for local seniors – here is one example from Meals on Wheels in the Twin Cities: [www.meals-on-wheels.com/assets/files/AboutUsDocs/Create%20We%20Care%20Packages%20Job%20Description.doc](http://www.meals-on-wheels.com/assets/files/AboutUsDocs/Create%20We%20Care%20Packages%20Job%20Description.doc)
- Make cat toys or dog toys for the local animal shelter.
- Hold a lemonade stand with proceeds going to charity of the children's choice. Visit [www.alexlemonade.org](http://www.alexlemonade.org) for information on running a stand and signs you can print.
- Collect, clip, and donate coupons to military families. Visit [www.ocpnet.org](http://www.ocpnet.org) for details.
- Host a coloring contest.
- Hosting or helping with a camp experience at a local hospital for the children who can't get to camp (see [www.campgetawella.org](http://www.campgetawella.org) for details)

Websites with more ideas:

- [www.doinggoodtogether.org](http://www.doinggoodtogether.org)
- [www.compassionatekids.com/volunteering.shtml](http://www.compassionatekids.com/volunteering.shtml)
- [www.cookieomag.com/homefront/2008/11/volunteering](http://www.cookieomag.com/homefront/2008/11/volunteering)
- [www.usatoday.com/tech/columnist/2003-01-23-kid-picks\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/tech/columnist/2003-01-23-kid-picks_x.htm)
- [www.kidscare.org](http://www.kidscare.org)
- [www.dosomething.org](http://www.dosomething.org)
- [www.byggpub.com/books/tg2rw/volunteer.htm](http://www.byggpub.com/books/tg2rw/volunteer.htm)
- [www.kidsturncentral.com/holidays/christmas/volunteer.htm](http://www.kidsturncentral.com/holidays/christmas/volunteer.htm)
- [www.artistshelpingchildren.org/wayschildrencanvolunteer.html](http://www.artistshelpingchildren.org/wayschildrencanvolunteer.html)