



**A DAY OF SERVICE & LOVE | 02.14.20**



**2020 SUPPLEMENTAL  
PROJECT TOOLKIT**

# INTRODUCTION

This toolkit is designed to assist project leaders with the coordination of volunteer service projects to take place during Broward County Public School’s Day of Service & Love. The annual day of volunteering was created to honor and remember those injured and lost at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School during the tragic events of February 14, 2018.

The outlined projects are designed to teach students about important causes and issues while empowering them with resources and tools to address those issues through meaningful hands-on projects. All participating schools will first have the option to develop a self-organized service project that addresses its students’ unique preferences while creating a positive impact for their school or community. This project toolkit should serve as a supplemental resource to guide project leaders in choosing additional activities that promote community, creativity, wellness and learning.

All projects within this toolkit have been designed to be accomplished at a minimum cost and are placed into three categories: low-to-no cost (\$), low-to-moderate cost (\$\$) and moderate-to-high cost. Cost estimates are based on a per-volunteer cost and do not account for supplies that may already be available within the school or classroom. Project leaders should review in advance all items that will be needed in order to ensure that any necessary donations campaigns, fundraising and supplies procurement are completed in advance. Because most projects can be scaled to accommodate any number of volunteers, project leaders should consider their group size and project scope and adjust materials accordingly. Most supplies needed to achieve these projects can be purchased on Amazon.com or from your local craft, department or home improvement store.

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# CAMPUS ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

## HEALTHY GREENS GARDEN BAGS

ACTIVITY TIME: 1 hour | SKILL LEVEL: Easy | COSTS ESTIMATE: \$\$

CAUSE: Health & Wellness



**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Project leaders will work with students to teach them about the benefits of nutrition and healthy eating by participating in a hands-on project to create a vegetable garden using garden bags. Students may also wish to exercise their creativity by making colorful garden stakes to identify their chosen fruit and vegetable plants.

**THINGS TO KNOW:** Project leaders should consider vegetables according to seasonal growing guidelines.

**MATERIALS NEEDED:** Canvas garden bags, trowels, seeds or plants, soil, hose, garden gloves, wooden garden stakes (optional), assorted acrylic paint (optional), artist paintbrushes (optional), watering can

## VIBRANT WALKWAYS SIDEWALK PROJECT

ACTIVITY TIME: 1-1.5 hours | SKILL LEVEL: Moderate | COSTS ESTIMATE: \$\$\$

CAUSE: Community Revitalization, Arts & Culture

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This project engages students in creating colorful walkways around campus while celebrating teamwork and creativity. The activity promotes school spirit and encourages students to take ownership of their environment and pride in outdoor spaces.

**THINGS TO KNOW:** Project leaders can work with students in advance to select colors that promote school spirit, or you can choose basic grays to “clean up” high traffic areas. Stencils can also be used to add footprints and other art to direct foot traffic in a fun and colorful way.



**MATERIALS NEEDED:** Concrete stain, paint can pour spout, butcher paper, painters' tape, paint gloves, paint poles, paint rollers, foam roller covers, 2-inch paint brushes, paint trays, roller cages, chalk, caution tape, stencils

## TEACHER ZEN ZONE

**ACTIVITY TIME:** 1-1.5 hours | **SKILL LEVEL:** Moderate | **COSTS ESTIMATE:** \$\$\$



**CAUSE:** Health & Wellness, Teacher Appreciation

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Project leaders will work with students to create a tranquil space in which teachers can relax. This project gives students an opportunity to give back to the teachers who have given so much to shape their growth and learning.

**THINGS TO KNOW:** This project will require a variety of items to be collected, assembled and used to decorate. It may be necessary to organize a supplies or fundraising drive in advance in order to procure the materials needed to create the most relaxed and welcoming space.

**MATERIALS NEEDED:** These may vary. Popular items include yoga mats, noise-canceling speakers, Tibetan singing bowls, fountains, bean bag chairs, zen gardens, dim lighting, plants, candles and tea sets. Participants may also choose to paint the room using more calming colors in which case paint and additional paint supplies would be needed.

## LEARNING LANDSCAPES

**ACTIVITY TIME:** 2-3 hours | **SKILL LEVEL:** Moderate | **COSTS ESTIMATE:** \$\$\$

**CAUSE:** Environment, Community Revitalization

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This project enables students to learn about native plants while working together to assess the condition of their school's landscape and bring color and life to areas that need it. Through this project, students can take ownership of their surroundings and gain a deeper understanding of the often-unnoticed efforts that go into creating aesthetically pleasing landscapes that will thrive in Florida's warm climate.

**THINGS TO KNOW:** Project leaders should choose hearty native Florida species for areas that will be exposed to the elements. Learning how plants respond to their environment will help leaders and students to select plants that will thrive with limited care in warmer climates.



**MATERIALS NEEDED:** Soil, mulch, landscape fabric/weed blocker fabric, stakes, mallet, gardening gloves, safety eyewear, rakes, tarp, gardening clippers or shears, shovels, scissors, mini marking stakes

## BUMPER GREETINGS

**ACTIVITY TIME:** 2 hours | **SKILL LEVEL:** Moderate | **COSTS ESTIMATE:** \$\$

**CAUSE:** Community Revitalization, Arts & Culture

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Create vibrant parking bumpers to welcome staff, teachers and guests as they arrive to school. This project promotes school spirit and encourages students to take ownership of their environment and pride in outdoor spaces.

**THINGS TO KNOW:** Project leaders should work with students in advance to review ideas and create designs along with any stencils they'd like to use.

**MATERIALS NEEDED:** Traffic marking paint (1 gallon for 20 parking bumpers), paint key, pouring spout, rubber mallet, butcher paper, painters tape, 2-inch chip brushes, mini rollers, paint trays, stencils, fine tip Sharpie, artist brushes, paint gloves



## SCHOOL MURAL PROJECTS

### KINDNESS MATTERS MURAL

**ACTIVITY TIME:** 2-3 hours | **SKILL LEVEL:** Easy to Moderate | **COSTS ESTIMATE:** \$



**A THINGS TO KNOW:** Activity time and skill level varies based on the level of detail project leaders choose for this mural. Participants can use the Kindness Matters mural template with or without the pattern detail in the lettering. Upon selecting this mural design, Project leaders will receive a digital copy of the mural template which can be projected onto the selected wall and traced prior to the service project. With one volunteer assigned to each

large letter, this project typically takes 8 volunteers 1-3 hours, depending on the size you choose to make the mural.

**MATERIALS NEEDED:** Mural template, projector, Sharpies, exterior or interior paint (depending on location), paint key, rubber mallet, paint tape, butcher paper, latex gloves, paint cups, artist brushes, paint rags, buckets

## PEACE MURAL

**ACTIVITY TIME:** 3-4 hours | **SKILL LEVEL:** Moderate | **COSTS ESTIMATE:** \$

**THINGS TO KNOW:** Upon selecting this mural design, Project leaders will receive a digital copy of the mural template which can be projected onto the selected wall and traced prior to the service project. This project typically takes a group of 10 volunteers 3-4 hours at full size.



**MATERIALS NEEDED:** Mural template projector, Sharpies, exterior or interior paint (depending on location), paint key, rubber mallet, paint tape, butcher paper, latex gloves, paint cups, artist brushes, paint rags, buckets

## ALL WE NEED IS LOVE MURAL

**ACTIVITY TIME:** 1-2 hours | **SKILL LEVEL:** Easy | **COSTS ESTIMATE:** \$



**THINGS TO KNOW:** Upon selecting this mural design, Project leaders will receive a digital copy of the mural template which can be projected onto the selected wall and traced prior to the service project. Because of the stacked design, this mural comfortably accommodates 5 volunteers. This project typically takes a group of five people 2-3 hours at full size.

**MATERIALS NEEDED:** Mural template, projector, Sharpies, exterior or interior paint (depending on location), paint key, rubber mallet, paint tape, butcher paper, latex gloves, paint cups, artist brushes, paint rags, buckets

## SCHOOL SPIRIT MOSAIC

ACTIVITY TIME: 1-3 hours | SKILL LEVEL: Moderate | COSTS ESTIMATE: \$

**THINGS TO KNOW:** This project gives students the opportunity to create the mosaic pattern that they will be painting. Using painters' tape to create the border around each piece of the mosaic, project leaders and students can choose between squared designs and geometric shapes. Teams can choose to paint their mosaic using school colors or opt for a palette of their own. This project can be as large or as small as you'd like, depending on how many walls you wish to cover.

**MATERIALS NEEDED:** Exterior or interior paint (depending on location), paint key, rubber mallet, lots of paint tape, butcher paper, latex gloves, paint cups, paint rollers, roller sponges, roller cages, paint rags, buckets



## FLAG MURALS

ACTIVITY TIME: 1-2 hours | SKILL LEVEL: Easy | COSTS ESTIMATE: \$



**THINGS TO KNOW:** This project is a great opportunity to celebrate the diversity of your school's students. Prior to the project, project leaders should work with students to learn about all the countries that are represented by each school's students and families.

**MATERIALS NEEDED:** Flag images to project, projector, Sharpies, exterior or interior paint (depending on location), paint key, rubber mallet, paint tape, butcher paper, latex gloves, paint cups, artist brushes, paint rags, buckets

# CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

## CLASSROOM FENG SHUI

ACTIVITY TIME: 1-1.5 hours | SKILL LEVEL: Easy | COSTS ESTIMATE: \$

CAUSE: Arts & Culture, Mindfulness

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** For as many hours as teachers and students spend in classrooms, it helps to be in an atmosphere that inspires the most creative learning. Feng Shui is a practice that involves optimizing space to bring happiness and harmony. For this project, students will work with project leaders to apply a basic Feng Shui approach to create harmonious classroom environments.



**THINGS TO KNOW:** Project leaders should provide students with a basic overview of Feng Shui and empower them to make their own decisions on how to arrange their space. This can happen in a team-building session during the project.

**BASIC MATERIALS:** Paper towels, cleaning supplies, garbage bags, gloves, indoor plants

## PAGE CORNER BOOKMARKS

ACTIVITY TIME: 30 minutes | SKILL LEVEL: Easy | COSTS ESTIMATE: \$

CAUSE: Literacy, Reading



**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** These fun and colorful bookmarks can be created and donated to your community library, local youth center or an after-school program to promote reading. Project leaders should engage participants in selecting the organization that will receive their handmade bookmarks. This helps them learn about available reading programs and the local organizations that provide them.

**THINGS TO KNOW:** Page corner bookmarks can be a great bonus project for those students participating in the Reading Totes project.

**MATERIALS NEEDED:** Colorful cardstock paper, bookmark template (HandsOn Broward will provide this), rulers, mechanical pencils, glue, googly eyes, white and black paper for eyes, scissors



## RECYCLED CARTON BIRDHOUSE

ACTIVITY TIME: 2 hours | SKILL LEVEL: Easy | COSTS ESTIMATE: \$

CAUSE: Environment

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This project celebrates South Florida's wildlife diversity while repurposing cartons which would otherwise be trashed. Students can donate their creations to parks or bring them to their own backyard.

**THINGS TO KNOW:** Project leaders should work with students to collect cartons in advance of the project so that each student has a carton.

**MATERIALS NEEDED:** Clean milk or juice carton (1 per volunteer), ballpoint pens, pencils, hole puncher, hemp twine, scissors, hot glue gun, cereal boxes (optional), chopsticks, 1" paint brushes, small acrylic paint brushes, cups for water, assorted acrylic paint, white acrylic paint, newspaper/butcher paper, nylon gloves, bird seed



## HERB GARDEN KITS

ACTIVITY TIME: 1-2 hours | SKILL LEVEL: Easy | COSTS ESTIMATE: \$



CAUSE: Health & Wellness

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Project leaders will engage students in creating instructional herb garden kits that they can take home, give to a friend or donate to a local youth center or nonprofit food assistance program of their choice. These kits will help both the students and the recipients of the garden kit learn what is needed to cultivate their own food. Each kit will include four seed types to be chosen by students. Students will also assemble an informational recipe card for each seed that describes the proper growing instructions, as well as a recipe to try out so the person who receives it can enjoy their new herbs.

**THINGS TO KNOW:** Pre- project idea would be to ask students to donate strawberry baskets to use as the container for the small grow bags.

**MATERIALS NEEDED:** Seeds packets, coin envelopes, strawberry baskets, burlap sprout bags, latex gloves, non-toxic fabric markers, cardstock sheets, sealable sandwich bags, tablespoons, stencils, scissors, blank cards and instructional materials

## READING TOTES

ACTIVITY TIME: 1-2 hours | SKILL LEVEL: Easy | COSTS ESTIMATE: \$\$

CAUSE: Literacy

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Students will create colorful totes filled with books that can be donated to local libraries, youth programs and learning centers to help first to third graders meet their reading and math literacy benchmarks. This project engages students in exercising their creativity while providing younger students with the tools they need to become inspired to read.



**THINGS TO KNOW:** This project will require students to participate in a book drive leading up to the project to collect books to fill the totes. Students will also need to identify the local organization that will be the recipient of their donation.

**MATERIALS NEEDED:** Canvas tote bags, custom stencils, markers, stamps, stickers, beads, glitter, beads, gems

## REMEMBRANCE PROJECTS

### WISHING TREE

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CAUSE: Arts & Culture, Remembrance

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** A wishing tree is an individual tree that has been chosen specifically and is used for offerings, wishes, thoughts, prayers, and remembering. Students can write messages of remembrance, thoughts and wishes on paper or strips of fabric to place on the tree.

**THINGS TO KNOW:** The wishing tree can be a large potted tree, a planted tree or a small classroom plant. The most popular choice for this project is an ornamental tree or a bonsai plant.

**MATERIALS NEEDED:** Tree, paper/fabric scraps, pens or marker, hole punch, yarn or twine

## ROOTS OF LOVE REMEMBRANCE TREE

**ACTIVITY TIME:** 1-1.5 hours | **SKILL LEVEL:** Moderate to Difficult | **COSTS ESTIMATE:** \$\$\$

**CAUSE:** Community, Remembrance

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Project leaders will engage students in planting a tree to honor and remember those lost and injured at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on February 14, 2018.

**THINGS TO KNOW:** Depending on the size of the tree and the space in which it will be planted, project leaders may need to acquire assistance in digging the hole, preparing the site and placing the tree in the hole.

**MATERIALS NEEDED:** Tree, spade or sod cutter, round shovel, hard rake, garden hose (with access to water), compost or compost manure



## KINDNESS ROCKS

**ACTIVITY TIME:** 1 hour | **SKILL LEVEL:** Easy | **COSTS ESTIMATE:** \$\$

**CAUSE:** Community, Remembrance



**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** On small rocks, students will create art that inspires feelings of kindness and happiness. The rocks can be used to bring positivity and color to a school garden, landscape or memorial area. This project can be used to enhance the Roots of Love Remembrance Tree project by placing the decorative rocks around the base of the tree after it is planted.

**THINGS TO KNOW:** Smooth, flat rocks work best for this project when painted with bright, colorful paint. Project leaders can raise funds to purchase the rocks or ask students to bring them.

**MATERIALS NEEDED:** Rocks; pencils, Sharpies, acrylic paint, Mod Podge or another acrylic sealer, flat acrylic artist brushes, fine acrylic artist brushes, sponge brushes, newspaper, gloves

## REMEMBRANCE MURAL

ACTIVITY TIME: 3-4 hours | SKILL LEVEL: Moderate | COSTS ESTIMATE: \$

CAUSE: Arts & Culture, Remembrance

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Project leaders can work with students to paint a mural honoring those lost at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on February 14, 2018. The mural includes 17 hearts and a soaring eagle in MSD school colors



**THINGS TO KNOW:** Upon selecting this mural design, project leaders will receive a digital copy of the mural template which can be projected onto the selected wall and traced prior to the service project

**MATERIALS NEEDED:** Mural template, projector, Sharpies, exterior or interior paint (depending on location), paint key, rubber mallet, paint tape, butcher paper, latex gloves, paint cups, artist brushes, paint rags, buckets

## THE heART PROJECT

ACTIVITY TIME: 2-3 hours | SKILL LEVEL: Easy | COSTS ESTIMATE: \$

CAUSE: Remembrance, Arts & Culture

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Inspired by the Parkland Hearts art project, students can create art pieces with messages of kindness and love that can be donated to brighten the day for those who need it. Project leaders should work with students in advance to select a beneficiary for their art pieces.



**THINGS TO KNOW:** Popular choices to donate heART Project art pieces include children's hospitals, assisted living facilities and shelters.

**MATERIALS NEEDED:** 8'x10' wooden art panels or canvases, paper hearts, scissors, markers, acrylic sealer, Modge Podge glue, sponge brushes, craft rolling tools, flattening tools