

Contra Costa County 4-H Community Pride 2014-15

October: *Build a Stronger Community: help low-income families*

Examples: Donation Drive for *Monument Crisis Center*: Birthday Bags or children's books.

<http://monumentcrisiscenter.org/support-us/host-a-drive/>

November: *Make a Change in our World*

Heifer Foundation Inc. - "Change" Drive - collect loose change and monetary donations. Club can purchase an animal donation. This can be an on-going drive throughout the entire year. Set up competitions between project groups, officer or club members, parents and kids, etc. Start educating members throughout the year...write newsletter articles and make flyers.

<http://www.heifer.org>

December: *Give the Gift of Christmas*

Examples:

Toys for Tots Drive <http://www.toysfortots.org/default.aspx>

Adopt A Family - *EMQ Families First*

<http://emqff.org/help/gifts/holiday-giving/>

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- Contact in late Oct./early Nov. to arrange.

January: *Fill the Food Bank*

Examples:

Collect food for *Contra Costa Food Bank*. Volunteer opportunities are available for kids ages 11+.

<http://www.foodbankccs.org/give-help/volunteer.html>

Food Drive for *Loaves & Fishes*. Clubs can also organize volunteer activities for kids 12+.

<http://www.loavesfishescc.org/volunteers.html>

February: *Have a Baby Shower!*

Example: Bay Area Crisis Nursery Donation Drive.

<http://www.bacn.info/donate.htm>

March: *Help the Animals*

Example: Contra Costa County Animal Shelter (see link for items)

<http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/850/Acceptable-Items>

April: *Help the Homeless*

Example: Shelter, Inc. Donation Drive - there are also volunteer activities available

<http://shelterincofccc.org/support/volunteer/>

May: *State Fashion Revue service project*

Pillowcases for Ronald Mc Donald-type housing, Children's Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Special Needs Camps, and other venues throughout California.

Hats for youth and adult cancer patients, newborns, homeless drop-in shelters or to fill a need in your community. They can be made of fleece, soft fabric or knitted/crocheted of soft yarn.

**Examples are given, but other worthy charities that fit the theme may be substituted