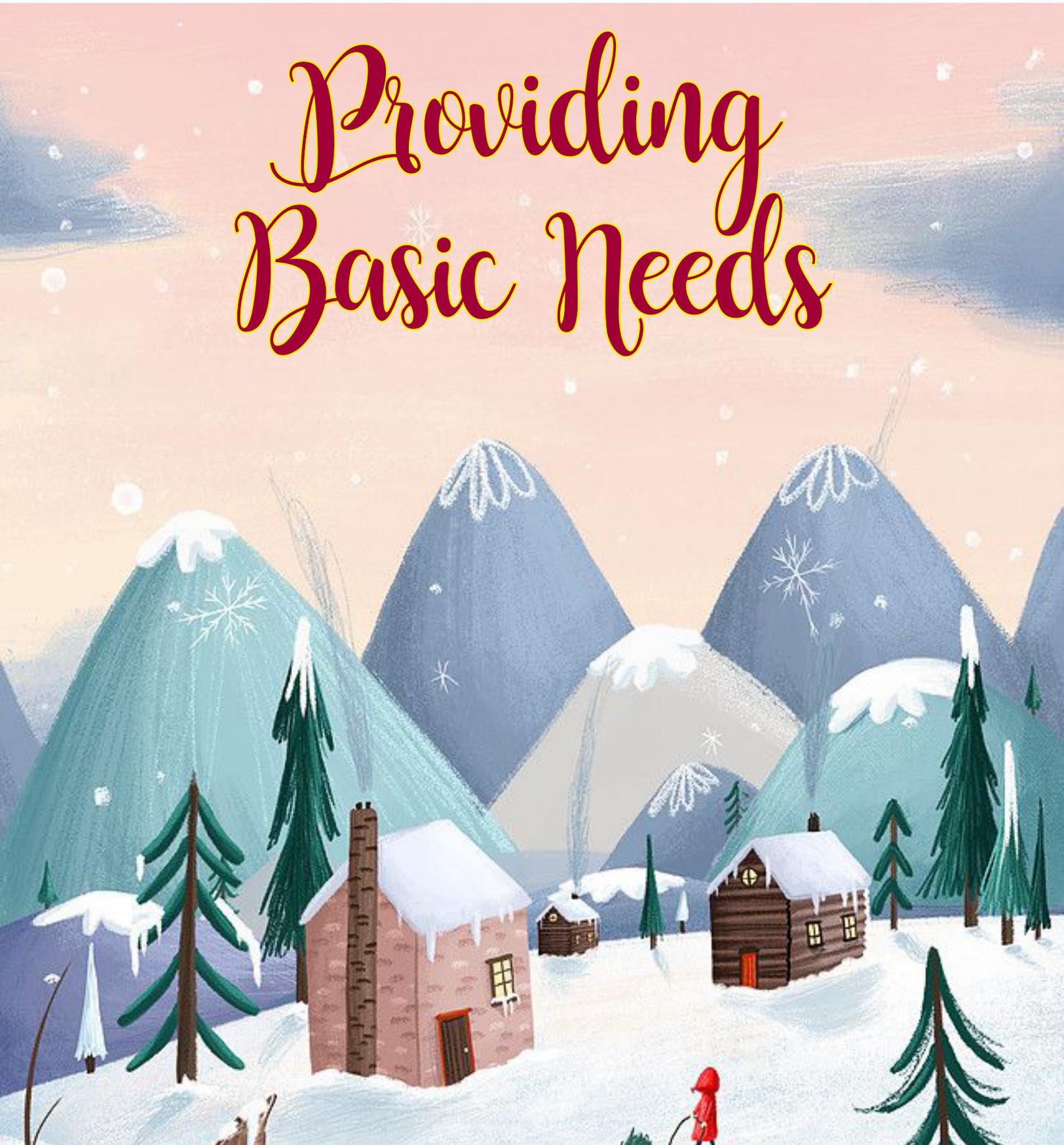




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Hello, CNH Bees!

With only one month left in 2017, we hope that each of you can reflect back on the service you and your club have performed this year. Be proud of the impact you've made on your homes, schools, and communities.

However, the year isn't over yet! There's still one more month left that the Service Projects Committees hopes is filled with meaningful service. The December SOSP Guide is filled with service and fundraiser events for all clubs of different shapes and sizes to end this year on a great note.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please contact SP Chair Alex Gatus at cnhkc.sp@gmail.com.

See you next month!

***In the spirit of service,
The Service Projects Committee***

PROVIDING BASIC NEEDS

December is a time for taking final exams, finishing college applications, and fulfilling last minute resolutions. It's also the time for giving gifts and giving back to your home, school, and community.

While your schedule may be packed, remember to make time to give to those who are less fortunate. In California, Nevada, and Hawaii alone there are almost 541,000 children who will not get to spend the holidays in a home. The SOSP theme for December is "Providing Basic Needs" because the CNH District believes that Key Clubbers can make a difference by hosting events such as toy & clothing drives, volunteering at shelters and soup kitchens, or giving a family a great holiday memory. This December, help provide families with the basic needs to survive.

Service Projects

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Plastic Bags Into Sleeping Mats

Plastic bags are one of the worst offenders of the wasteful products that are polluting the Earth's oceans. By turning bags into plastic yarn, "plarn", clubs can use plarn to create hygienic, water proof, easily transportable mats that can provide the homeless protection from the cold concrete! Also, invite your Kiwanis to help out with the crocheting and collection of plastic bags.

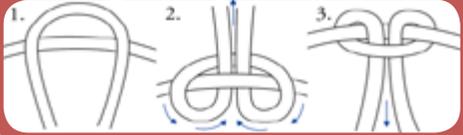
Materials

- 500 - 700 shopping bags
- 10mm or larger Crochet hooks
- Scissors

Size

Medium to Large

Larks Head Knot



Directions

- 1) Publicize the event to your community through flyers and social media. Invite parents, teachers, Kiwanians, and more to participate.
- 2) If needed, provide papers and pens to those who would like to donate a letter.
- 3) Collect all of the letters and count how many were collected.
- 4) Bring the letters to your local Macy's to place them in the BELIEVE Campaign's mailbox.

Directions

- 1) Flatten the plastic bag and straighten any of the bag's creases
- 2) Cut off the handles and the bottom seam so that you're left with a rectangle. Cut the rectangle into into four strips across so that you're left with 4 loops.
- 3) Overlap two loops at their longest ends; tie a larks head knot (pictured) with one loop at the long end of the other loop. Your plarn is now twice as long.
- 4) Repeat this step.
- 5) From here you can start to crochet! You'll need to single crochet in each chain stitch until the end of the row, which should comprise of 42 chain stitches, then turn and chain one. Continue with single crochet in each stitch along the row. Continue until the mat reaches desired size.
- 6) Recycle the scrap plastic at your local grocery store to ensure that nothing is wasted.

Letters for the Holidays

Each year, the Make-a-Wish Foundation partners with Macy's to put on the "BELIEVE" campaign. For every letter written to Santa Clause or any other holiday figure that contains a wishlist or holiday-themed message, Macy's will donate \$1 to the Make-a-Wish Foundation. Get together with your club to encourage your whole school or community to participate in providing the gift of joy to hospitalized children.

Materials

- Papers
- Pens/Pencils
- Flyers/Ads

Size

Any Size

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Supply Drives

In line with the the theme of "Providing Basic Needs", hosting a supply drive is a great to mobilize your club to make an impact in your community. From clothes, toys, canned goods, to hygenic supplies, there are many people in your community who could be in need of any of the supplies listed or more. Keep the needs of your community in mind when planning a supply drive.

Materials

- Flyers & posters
- Collection boxes
- Tables & chairs
- Booth tents (optional)

Size

Any Size

Directions

- 1) Search for a local organization that will allow your club to donate the collected supplies. Familiarize yourself with their donation guidelines.
- 2) Contact schools, cafes, libraries, or anywhere else in your community that you think would be willing to participate in your supply drive. Be smart, and consider having a booth at a grocery store for food drives, a booth at a toy store for toy drives, etc. Ask for permission to keep a donation box at the location as well as some flyers to promote the event.
- 3) Assign groups of members led by officers to work a donation booth at each of the different locations.
- 4) Set up each booth with posters, flyers, bells, music, and more. Make the booth festive and inviting to encourage more people to donate.
- 5) Have each officer bring the box of donations to one location to sort through everything.
- 6) Drop off the collected supplies at the organization.

Directions

- 1) Cut 1.5 yard pieces of felt, or choose your own custom size. Make sure to avoid frayed edges when cutting.
- 2) Cut off all "selvage edges" and square uneven edges as needed.
- 3) Cut a 4" square from each corner of the fleece.
- 4) Cut a 4"x1" wide fringe around the blanket.
- 5) Using a seam ripper, make a tiny slit at top of each fringe piece.
- 6) Feed the end of the fringe through the back side of the cut slit and pull through to create a neat and secure fringed edge.

No-Sew Blankets

Making no-sew blankets with your club is a great way to spread the warmth of service to your community! The blankets can be donated to shelters or hospitals, depending on their different guidelines. Several organizations such as Project Linus also provide guides online to creating more types of blankets, as well as information on where to turn in blanket donations.

Materials

- Fleece cut into 1.5 yard pieces
- Ruler
- Scissors

Size

Any Size

Fundraising Projects

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Adopt - a - Family

Some families during the holidays are not as fortunate as others. They do not have access to the things we sometimes take for granted like roofs over our heads, warm clothes, homecooked meals for the holidays, or gifts to give to young kids. This holiday season, help a family by giving them the gift of basic needs.

Materials

- Collection jars
- Flyers
- Gift boxes
- Budget
- Donation guidelines

Size

Any
Size

Directions

- 1) Find and contact a shelter such as MEND, The Salvation Army, or any local organizations. Research what they do/do not accept as donations.
- 2) Create a budget of all the items that you'd like to purchase for a family. Include a variety of items such as non-perishable foods for a holiday meal, toys for gifts, warm clothing, and hygienic supplies. Figure out the necessary fundraising goal to purchase everything.
- 3) BEE creative with collecting your funds! Pass around donation jars during club and Kiwanis meetings, ask your peers for donations, host a flyer fundraiser, etc. Also, some stores do provide donations, either monetary or tangible items, so be sure to contact businesses in your area.
- 4) Use the funds raised to purchase the items on your list.
- 5) Neatly package the materials and donate them to the organization.

Directions

- 1) Contact malls, shops, or anywhere people go to shop for presents in your area to ask for permission to set up a booth.
- 2) Work with your club to create posters and to purchase tape, boxes, gift tags, and wrapping paper. Keep a budget so you know who to reimburse after the event is over.
- 3) Set up your booth with posters, a pop-up tent or shelter, music, and more. Make it festive and inviting. Make sure to have your donation jar out, along with a short description of what you're raising money for.
- 4) Once you've finished wrapping each person's gift, kindly ask if they'd like to make a donation.
- 5) Total the donations at the end of the event and donate the money.

Gift Wrapping for Charity

While everyone's out shopping for presents, your club can use this time to fundraise for the charities in your area. Gift wrappers are in high demand during the holiday season, and having members work a shift at a gift wrapping booth can also be a great way to improve bonds within your club. Dressing up in holiday-themed costumes, having music, or decorating your table are also great ways to attract donors.

Materials

- Donation jars
- Wrapping paper
- Tape
- Gift tags
- Gift boxes

Size

Small to
Medium

Fundraising Projects

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Holiday Grams

Selling holiday grams is a fun and festive way to celebrate the holidays while raising money to help others. A holiday gram is a card attached to a small gift item such as a pair of fuzzy socks, candy canes, or chocolate that a person purchases to be sent to a friend. Your club can customize your grams by deciding what you would like to attach and which cards you'd like to give out.

Materials

- Small gifts (socks, candy, etc)
- Cards
- Pens
- Posters & flyers
- Budget

Size

Medium to Large

Directions

- 1) Decide with your club on what you'd like to sell based on what's popular. Afterwards, create a budget of all the expenses your club will have to put on this fundraiser. Use this to set prices for each gram.
- 2) Gather all of the materials including the cards, gifts, and booth supplies.
- 3) Begin advertising your fundraiser to your school and community. Invite everyone to send a holiday gram to spread the holiday spirit!
- 4) Assign officers and members to work at the booth. Make sure to also have an advisor with you to handle the money coming in.
- 5) When selling each gram, give the customer the card to write a message then take down both their name and contact info as well as the information of the recipient so that the gram can be delivered.
- 6) Once you've completed sales, put together each card and gift. Begin distributing each holiday gram.
- 7) Total the funds, then subtract what was used to purchase the materials. Donate the profits to charity.

Suggested Donation Items

Before donating to an organization, please make sure to research their rules and requirements on donations, as well as their suggested items. However, if they do not have information about this available, here is a list of great items to collect or purchase through funds raised for donation:

- Bus passes & maps/brochures on public transportation systems that will help the homeless get to different shelters and food pantries
- Gift cards to grocery stores and supermarkets that are accessible to the people of your area
- Coupons for food and supplies are also great donation items to include!
- Warm blankets and sleeping mats for the homeless
- Non-perishable foods for shelters (i.e canned goods, pastas, rice, beans, granola bars, etc.)
- New or slightly-used toys and books (depending on the donation location)
- Sweaters, hats, and other warm clothes
- Uplifting holiday cards with small treats for hospitalized children or the elderly



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Reading!