

APA Christmas Ideas for service

The Salvation Army in all communities needs bell ringers – call them to sign up.

Check the Human Services Guide in white pages/front of phone book. Lots of agencies listed – call and see what needs they have!

Churches are usually very busy this time of year. Call your church office... is there a pageant you can help with? Office work? Wrapping gifts for charities? Cleaning or yard work? Older members of the church who need gift wrapping or leaves raked in yard? These activities should be documented by your minister/church secretary/youth director and cannot be done for your family members.

Several groups have gift wrap needs for charity – check malls and/or Barnes and Noble or Books a Million. In Greenville, it benefits Pitt Co Humane Society – look for signs around school for the student coordinators.

Boys and Girls Clubs and YMCAs in all communities have extra kids around when school is out and need help. Call them directly.

If you were a summer volunteer at your local hospital, call them back – they will probably let you work some holiday hours.

Your local Council on Aging or a local nursing home would love to have volunteers who can read to the elderly, help run Bingo games or just visit. Call the Activities Director to make these arrangements.

Do you play an instrument or piano? Nursing homes love holiday programs – call and offer your services!

You can assist in a public school classroom - extra help is often needed with Christmas crafts or reading with children. Make sure you get documentation for the principal's office.

Check with the public library – they could use some help.

Is there a Goodwill Store, PTA Thrift Shop or Salvation Army store in your community? They may need help. How about your local Community Arts Council?

Is there an American Red Cross Bloodmobile scheduled? They might use your help serving refreshments to people after they donate.

If you are not sure whether an event qualifies, feel free to call or text Mrs. Lewis at 252-412-5812. Check the SERV Guidelines available on the APA website.

Remember: you cannot work for a private business. Relatives cannot document your SERV hours.

Your hours must be worked by December 31, 2017.

The **documentation must be entered into TrackItForward.com by January 12, 2018.**

It is YOUR responsibility to make sure that your hours are entered into TrackItForward.com. Mrs. Lewis will not enter them for you.