

# #CATSGIVEBACK Weekend of Service Project Ideas

February 16-18, 2024

## YOUTH

- Gather books for local libraries and other organizations involved in literacy
- Create pick-me-up jars filled with notes of encouragement for teachers and deliver to a local school.

## VETERANS

- Make DIY Fleece dog beds for Pets for Vets. <https://petsforvets.com/cape-fear>.
- Write Thank You cards to Veterans and active military. Cards can be sent to various VA hospitals in NC. For active military contact local USOs for addresses and delivery times. When mailed out, be sure to write, "Thank you cards to Veterans" so it will go to the Rec Therapy department. Not sure what to write? Google, "what to write to a Veteran."
- Clip coupons to families on military bases. Coupons can be found on the internet at <https://lozo.com/> or at Dollar General or any other major grocery chain. Expired coupons are still accepted by the commissaries, so don't worry about expiration dates!

Write Valentine cards to Veterans. Here is a website with more information:  
<https://soldiersangels.org/volunteer/special-campaigns/valentinesforveterans/>

## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

- Partner with a local food pantry to write encouraging notes on paper bags used to deliver meals to the homeless and other persons in need.
- Collect non-perishable food items and toiletries and create bags to distribute to homeless or local shelters.
- Cut coupons and provide to local shelters or food pantries to offset their costs.
- Collect birthday party supplies and write cards for children in local shelters.
- Do a toy drive for the childrens ward of a local hospital.

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