

IMPACT YOUR COMMUNITY

12 MONTHS OF GIVING

JANUARY

CHOOSE A "FORMAL" VOLUNTEER DAY

There are non-profits or other service-driven organizations in every community. Find one you're passionate about.

FEBRUARY

FOCUS ON A NEIGHBOR

Ask in your building or on your block if anyone may be falling behind on tasks such as shoveling, mowing, grocery pickup or even just companionship.

MARCH

CLEAN OUT A CLOSET

Make your volunteer time work double duty: Clean out a closet and find an organization that accepts donated goods and services.

APRIL

PLANT A TREE

Trees are miracle workers: They store carbon dioxide and provide wildlife habitat at a relatively inexpensive cost. Your parks department may give some away at no cost.

MAY

PICK UP TRASH

You don't have to tackle litter anywhere other than your block: Grab your family and put one or two hours in on a weekend day to pick up stray items.

JUNE

GIVE A DAY TO BUILD A HOME

Housing affects more than just daily shelter; it impacts health, educational outcomes and economic stability. See if an organization has a giving day.

JULY

GET MOVING WITH A YOUTH TEAM

Per child, per sport, per year — youth sports can be expensive. Consider sponsoring one athlete's costs.

AUGUST

DONATE SOME PENCILS

During back-to-school time, parents spend a lot for school supplies. Help out by donating some needed items to a local school.

SEPTEMBER

DONATE TO A LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Little free pantries are modeled on little free libraries but offer food and personal-need supplies. They're often located at schools or places of worship.

OCTOBER

COPY AND LAMINATE FOR SCHOOLS

Many schools stuggle to find helpers to do those necessary to-do's such as making copies and laminating materials.

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SPEND A FEW DOLLARS LOCALLY

Dollar-for-dollar, shopping at independent stores creates two times as many jobs as shopping with large online retailers.

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GIFT SOME GOODWILL

Find a way to pass it along, be it a to-go coffee, a plate of cookies or whatever else you think a neighbor or a friend would appreciate.