

# Thankful for Grandparents

Official website: none  
Address: none

## Just One Touch - Community



This is a great service project for students is for them to focus on grandparents and great-grandparents of school children. Begin by sending out a survey to parents asking if they have parents/grandparents living with \_\_?\_\_ miles of the school. Create a check list of possible services to provide and distribute it to those living within the prescribed radius of the school.

Possible service opportunities might be:

- Raking yard
- Misc light landscaping
- Power washing
- Window washing
- Christmas decorating
- Light painting (determine if paint is to be provided)
- Grocery shopping
- Running errands
- Spring cleaning (carpet, walls, etc.)

Depending on the time frame of the service project and the ages of your students, create a check list that is appropriate and then distribute it to your grandparents and great-grandparents.

Once the checklists are returned, make a schedule, develop teams and assign a team along with an adult leader to each project. We found it best to have a family member on the team as well. It is easier for a grandparent to communicate to a family member rather than a stranger.

Respond to each grandparent and make sure the schedule is agreeable to them. Let them know when you will be arriving and how long you will be there...be punctual and leave on time. Remember that it can be very stressful to an older person to have strangers in their home or on their property. Be sure the team has all the supplies necessary to complete the tasks agreed to. Arrive at the grandparents' home with a gift such as a small plant and a thank you note that expresses gratitude for being invited/allowed to share in the life of the this person. It is important that they understand that they are participating in a valuable opportunity of growth for the student by providing service opportunities for them.

Don't forget those grandparents in nursing homes. The gift of time is the most precious gift one can give. Have the students make craft items and prepare a class play to perform at the nursing home. Take a choral group to perform – and please consider going sometime other than Christmas!

Gift of: Time & Labor

Ages: All

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Notes: This is a very satisfying service project that has great rewards. It takes a good bit of organization but is well worth it!

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