

Everyone can Lead because Everyone can Serve

How do you find the right fit between a volunteer need and a servant leader to fill that need? Service project summaries are a good place to start.



The Breakfast Optimist Club of Kalamazoo compiles a document entitled Service Project Summaries.

This document provides information to the Club President and Board Members in the areas of Community Service, Finance, and Youth Activities. The brief summary includes the activity title, purpose, cost, place, and date. New projects are added and inactive projects are archived, as needed. On the back of the page, are examples of service project summaries.

How does this connect to the challenge of finding members to serve as project chairs and committee members? When you share a brief summary of the project you have a starting point to build connection between the member and their WHY. Together you can connect their passion, skills, talents, time and resources to an opportunity to make a difference for youth.

List of Kalamazoo Service Project Summaries

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If you are interested in an electronic copy of the complete Kalamazoo Service Project Summaries document contact me at: Linda Thompson

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Charitable Donations and Activities

- PURPOSE:** To provide those in need with food, clothing items, personal care items, and/or gifts with an emphasis on needs, throughout the year as appropriate.
- TARGET:** Charitable organizations and families that any non-profit social service organization feels could benefit from this activity. Preference for charitable organizations.
- COST:** Club members donate items and/or monetary donations. There is no financial impact to BOCK.
- PLACE:** Delivery can be made by members/friends/family directly to recipients or to selected non-profit agencies for distribution.
- DATE:** About a three-week lead time prior to gifting.
- DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITY:** Community Service

The following activities fall under this area:

- Holiday Food Baskets
- Holiday Gift Giving (i.e., clothing, toys, games, books)
- Underwear Drive (generally held in September)
- Family and Children's Closet
- Personal Hygiene (feminine products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, etc.)
- Fleece Blanket Tying (generally given to Bronson Children's Hospital)
- Warm Hands/Loving Hearts: To provide hats, mittens, etc. to school children in need of these items.
- Magic Squares (knitted blankets for beanie babies. Generally donated to YWCA Domestic Assault).

Childhood Cancer Campaign – Golf Outing

- PURPOSE:** To raise funds to support Bronson Hospital's Pediatric Oncology/Hematology Unit as well as to contribute funds to the Optimist International Foundation's Childhood Cancer Campaign which supports pediatric cancer research at Johns Hopkins University. Funds are raised via an individual contribution included in each golfer's registration, a 50-50 raffle, and other special events held at the outing.
- TARGET:** BOCK members, family, friends, Michigan District Optimist Friends, and Kalamazoo area residents.
- COST:** May vary. In order to run the event, costs are incurred for golf fees, lunch, snacks, prizes and goodie bags. Hole sponsor signs, donated prizes and monetary contributions all help to defray the costs of the event. Sign sponsorships and prize donations are solicited from the local businesses and club members.
- PLACE:** Local area golf course
- DATE:** Early- to Mid-September; usually on a Sunday
- DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITY:** Finance

Back to School Shopping

- PURPOSE:** BOCK will provide school supplies and funding for youth to purchase new school clothing. This will help youth to start the new school year with excitement and set them up for success.
- TARGET:** Kindergarten through high school.
- COST:** May vary. The Youth Activities Director will collaborate with the BOCK Board to identify the total amount raised through the annual Right Start Campaign and determine the number of youth and the total dollar amount that will be spent on each child. The Back-to-School Shopping Committee will research various retail stores (brick and mortar and online) to identify the best quality and most reasonably priced clothing and school supplies.
- PLACE:** The Youth Activities Director will collaborate with the nonprofit identified by the BOCK Board, to determine the specific needs of the youth they serve, the most convenient method(s) for the families to shop as well as the most efficient way for their staff members to support the children they serve. For example: in person shopping, order and pick up at the door, and/or online ordering and delivery to the child's home.
- DATE:** In time for shopping to occur before school starts.
- DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITY:** Youth Activities