



50 ways to include **HEALTHY LIVING** in 4-H Service Learning Projects

1 Plan a formal dance for a senior citizen community 2 Demonstrate how to pack a healthy lunch at a local school 3 Launch a “Rethink Your Drink” campaign 4 Lead physical activities for an afterschool program 5 Start a youth hiking program for low income children 6 Bring fresh fruit and vegetable tasting into a local school 7 Launch a bicycle helmet drive and donate helmets to children in need 8 Teach others how to manage stress 9 Facilitate a peer mentoring program 10 Start a gleaning program and donate harvested produce 11 Partner with local police to stage a realistic car



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accident to increase awareness of distracted driving 12 Host a movie screening and community forum around bullying 13 Build a community garden 14 Perform a skit about healthy living during a schoolwide assembly 15 Collect and distribute food to those in need 16 Help local children achieve the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award 17

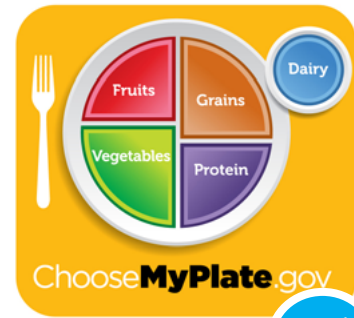
Choreograph dance routines and teach them to others 18 Map safe routes to local schools and distribute them to students 19 Build a safe walking trail 20 Teach others how to interact with people who have a physical disability 21 Identify places to buy healthy food in the community and provide recommendations to community leaders 22 Take children on a visit to a local farm 23 Organize a community health night featuring activities, cooking lessons and exhibits 24 Host a blood drive 25 Teach children the importance of dental care 26 Organize a walking school bus 27 Facilitate a cooking class that teaches others how to make healthier desserts

The projects listed are creative ideas to get you started and are not necessarily stand-alone service learning projects. To learn more about service learning, visit 4h.ucanr.edu.

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Hungry” campaign and donate produce to a food bank 41 Work with a local gym to offer free fitness classes for kids 42 Educate others about bullying and how everyone has a role 43 Teach a workshop about teen dating violence 44 Renovate a poorly maintained soccer field and offer a free soccer clinic 45 Work with a local counseling center to launch a suicide prevention campaign 46 Develop a toiletry drive for a homeless shelter 47 Partner with an afterschool program to offer cultural dance lessons 48 Collect donated toys and school supplies to create “Hero Packs” for military children 49 Teach first aid and safety basics to a community youth organization 50 Offer a free bicycle repair clinic



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