

Auxiliary Community Outreach Guide #5 Flyer

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Kathie's Motto: Never Forget the Difference you Make and her Symbol

Let's review the criteria for this program:

- Auxiliary Community Outreach is for projects <u>NOT AFFILIATED</u> with VFW or VFW Auxiliary Programs. Projects occur in the community and not at the Post. Project participation must be approved by the Auxiliary and recorded in the meeting minutes prior to the project.
- While you are volunteering wear VFW Auxiliary attire such as a shirt, hat or name badge. Count only the number of members and number of hours of service.
- No money is reported. (Monetary donations can be recorded thru your local post community service program.) This is not the same Program as the VFW Community Service.

How to find community volunteer projects:

- Visit Facebook pages and websites of non-profits in your community; volunteer opportunities and projects are often posted online.
- Check community boards at coffee shops, libraries, grocery stores and community centers.
- Look at the event calendar for listings in your local community.
- Ask friends involved in other organizations if they need assistance with a project.

Benefits of volunteering:

- 1. Gives you a way to help others.
- 2. Helps improve your community.
- 3. Can be a way to meet new friends.
- 4. Often results in personal growth.
- 5. Gives you a way to gain work experience and learn more about certain jobs.
- 6. Share information about our VFW Auxiliary.

Auxiliary Community Outreach is service our members do every day. We may have had some obstacles this year, but don't get discouraged. Our communities need our help; we can make a difference.