

SHARING THE STORY & THANKING PEOPLE

In this activity: Your club will wrap up the service project.

Two of the last things to do are:

1. Saying “thank you” to everyone who helped with the project.
2. Reporting results of the completed service project.

Before the activity: Ask your Kiwanis advisor for a chance to speak at an upcoming Kiwanis club meeting. Tell them that you want to give a presentation about your club and the latest service project. Ask your faculty advisor to invite school leaders to attend a presentation at an upcoming K-Kids meeting.

How to lead this activity:

Break members into one small “thank-you group” and one large “reporting group.”

Supplies needed:

- Computers with Word or PowerPoint.
- Thank-you notes.
- Pens and pencils.
- Art supplies.

Thank-you group

Explain to this group that it will create thank-you cards or artwork for the people who helped with or gave resources for your project.

1. Decide who to thank. This might be:
 - Guest speakers who taught the club about the need or organization.
 - The sponsoring Kiwanis club (if it gave money or helped with the project).
 - School leaders (for projects done at the school).
 - Volunteers (students, staff or family that helped with the project).
 - Donors (people who gave money or items for the project).
2. Write or create your own thank-you cards. Explain how the person helped and how much members appreciate what they did.
3. Plan for officers and members to give out thank-you cards. They can be given at the school, during the presentation to the Kiwanis club and by mail.



Reporting group

Explain to this group that it will share the results of the club's service project. They will do this by creating a presentation, an announcement and emails.

Ask members to create a PowerPoint presentation for your sponsoring Kiwanis club and school leaders. Here's how:

1. Ask for a volunteer to be the presentation leader. This person will make sure the slides are in the right order, have the same background and use good photos.
2. Ask members to pair up. Each pair will put together one or two slides.
3. Explain that the presentation should share pictures and stories, and it should show what the club did in each of the four steps of IDEA:

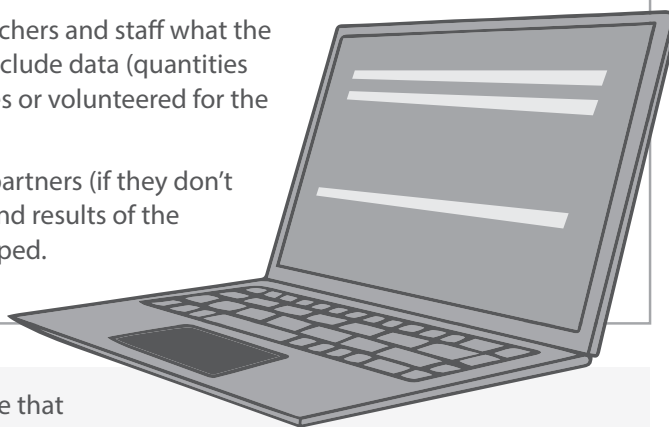
Identify the Need: Describe how your club identified the need and service project, and why.

Develop the Understanding: Show how your club learned about the need or the organization you wanted to help.

Execute the Plan: Explain how you developed the plan for the hands-on service, fundraiser or donations drive you did.

Aim for Impact: Share what members learned, how they felt about the experience and how the organization says the club made a difference. Use quotes members will share from their "Reflecting on the experience" activity or notes from the "Evaluating for greater impact" activity.

4. Write a school announcement that tells students, teachers and staff what the club accomplished with this project. Remember to include data (quantities and amounts). If people at your school gave resources or volunteered for the project, remember to thank them.
5. Write emails to the media, club families and service partners (if they don't know yet). Share a quick explanation of the project and results of the club's service. Remember to thank everyone who helped.



After the activity: Officers and advisors will make sure that thank-you cards are given out or mailed, presentations are delivered at meetings, a school announcement is made and/or emails are sent.

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