

Neighborhood Collection Drive

Use the power of collaboration to help an organization that means a lot to you!



Description: Practice **collaboration, kindness, and being socially responsible** by organizing a neighborhood collection drive to support a local nonprofit organization.

Time to Complete: Prep: 30 minutes; Total: Will vary

Supplies Level: Light

Tags: 3rd – 5th, Kindness, Collaboration, Being Socially Responsible

Step 1: Choose an organization that is meaningful to you and research how a collection drive could support that organization's goals. Tip: Many nonprofits have a wish list of most-needed items, so be sure to check their website or give them a call! Here are some general examples:

- **Children's Hospital:** New gifts like board games, playing cards, painting projects, Lego sets, Play-Doh, baby toys
- **Humane Society:** Pet food and treats, towels, sheets, litter, pet toys, cleaning supplies, office supplies
- **Local Food Bank:** Canned goods, granola bars, applesauce, cooking oils, nuts, pasta, paper towels, toilet paper
- **Homeless Shelter:** Non-perishable food, toiletries, new socks/undergarments, diapers and wipes, cleaning supplies

Step 2: Plan! Sit down with a calendar to make a timeline – when to advertise to your neighbors, when to collect items (at least one week after you let them know), and when to donate the items to the nonprofit. Example: Let neighbors know on the first Saturday of the month that you'll be back to collect any items on the second Saturday of the month, then deliver donations to the nonprofit during the third week of the month

Step 3: Advertise! You can distribute flyers to neighbors (see our template on page 2) and/or have your parents help you post on neighborhood social media sites.

Step 4: Collect! Be sure to let your neighbors know if you'd like them to leave any donations at their front door on a specific day for you to collect (bring a wagon if you have one!) and/or if they can drop off donations to a specific location like your house or a nearby park at a designated date and time.

Step 5: Donate! Check if the nonprofit has a specific time/location for drop-offs, then bring them the items you collected. Don't forget to take pictures! Share the images with your neighbors – they'll love to see how much was collected, and remember to thank them for working together to make such an impact.

We'd love to know what you thought of this project!

*Submit an online review on this project's Inside Out Club @Home page and
Send a picture to info@insideoutclub.org if we can share it on social media/in newsletters*

Neighborhood Donation Drive

Hi! My name is _____ and I am in _____ grade.

I'm learning to live "inside out" by practicing important character skills like collaboration, kindness, gratitude and empathy while helping my community. To support _____, a local nonprofit organization, I am collecting items they need most. I hope you'll join me!

Let's make a difference together! Here's how to help:

What to Donate:

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How to Donate:

I will be picking up any donations you may have. If you'd like to help, please leave the items near your front door on _____, _____ / _____ / _____ with this flyer attached.

Please drop off donations at _____ on _____ / _____ / _____ : _____ to _____ : _____ .m.

When to Donate:

Donations will be collected/should be dropped off (see "how to donate") on:

____ / ____ / ____

I will be delivering donations to the nonprofit on:

____ / ____ / ____

If you have any questions, please contact my parents at _____ . Thank you!