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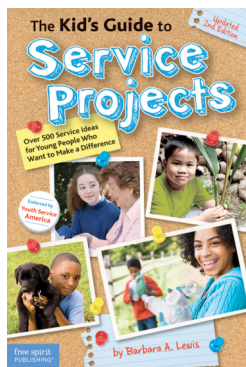
## New Edition of Popular Service Guide Is the Perfect Jump Start for Kids' Community Service

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**"Thousands of kids across the country are making a difference, and you can join them! Barbara Lewis tells you how."—*Kids' Wall Street News***

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### THE KID'S GUIDE TO SERVICE PROJECTS (UPDATED 2ND EDITION)

by Barbara A. Lewis

### Praise for 1st Edition:

- Featured in *USA Today*
- Endorsed by Youth Service America
- A Children's Book Council "Notable Book"
- Books for the Teen Age, New York Public Library

Minneapolis, MN—Young people around the world are giving back, assisting others in need, and making a positive difference in their neighborhoods, schools, and communities every day. What are they doing and how can the kids in your life do it, too? **THE KID'S GUIDE TO SERVICE PROJECTS (UPDATED 2ND EDITION)** (Free Spirit Publishing, \$14.99) by award-winning author and educator Barbara A. Lewis helps young people ages 10 and up get started. With over 500 doable ideas, ranging from simple, one-time activities to large-scale projects that involve entire communities, this classic guide has become the go-to resource for thousands of kids and grown-ups in search of inspiration to get started in service. Because of the book's lasting popularity, the updated edition now includes suggestions for using the Internet and new technologies in service, information on current service learning legislation, up-to-the-minute topics and issues to consider, and all the latest statistics. **THE KID'S GUIDE TO SERVICE PROJECTS** is what every teacher, counselor, youth worker, parent—and, of course, kid—needs to pinpoint problems, create solutions, and meet the challenges of making things better.

"Kids have a powerful awareness of problems they see around them," says Lewis. "They have strong feelings of wanting to help and do something tangible to fix things but often feel intimidated or powerless because they are 'just kids.' **THE KID'S GUIDE TO SERVICE PROJECTS** shows children how to make service a habit and to improve someone else's life—and their own."

In April 2009, President Barack Obama signed the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, a bold expansion of opportunities for all U.S. citizens to serve their communities and country. Schools across the United States and Canada are establishing service experiences for students of all ages. Many now require elementary, middle, and high school students to get involved both in and out of the classroom. With **THE KID'S GUIDE TO SERVICE PROJECTS**, young people can choose from a variety of topics—homelessness, the environment, crime and safety, hunger, literacy, animals, politics and government, community development, and more—or use the suggestions as a springboard to their own ideas for helping others. Working alone or in groups, kids can get involved in all kinds of activities ranging from anti-hunger campaigns and reading to seniors, to recycling initiatives, promoting after-school safety, and planting trees.

This comprehensive guide walks readers through the process of research and planning, and demonstrates how to find a sponsor and form a team. "Service Project How-Tos" provide specific instructions for producing flyers, press releases, petitions, and proposals; creative tips for fundraising; even tips on supporting or opposing a law. With **THE KID'S GUIDE TO SERVICE PROJECTS** as a catalyst, any kid can become a real-life action hero.

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**MAKE A DIFFERENCE (UPDATED 2ND EDITION)**

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**About the author**



A former public school teacher, Barbara A. Lewis has received many awards for excellence in writing, teaching, and leading youth in service projects and social action. She and her students have been honored for community contributions by President George H. W. Bush and featured in many national magazines and newspapers, the *Congressional Record*, and on national television. Barbara's books include *The Teen Guide to Global Action*, *What Do You Stand For?*, *The Kid's Guide to Social Action*, and *Kids with Courage*. Barbara is a sought-after speaker on topics including character development, service, and social action. She has lived in Indiana, New Jersey, Switzerland, Belgium, Utah, and Portland. Barbara and her husband, Larry, reside in Park City, Utah. They have four children and five grandchildren.



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