

Project Ideas

1. Visit DoSomething.org's website. Click on "what's your thing" and search out the causes you care about. They have a lot of great project ideas. You can start your own DoSomething group and get access to great resources. Or if you want help planning a similar project contact itscool2care.org. Just fill out the contact form on the website or email Brooke at brookeic2c@gmail.com. You don't have to live in Houston to get support on your project. We now have a member in South Africa - so don't let distance hold you back!
2. Make snack bags. Put water bottles, crackers, and a wet nap in a paper bag. Decorate the bags with fun art – a 4 year old suggested we add the artwork. Distribute them to those in need. Makes for a fun craft project with great rewards.
3. Share the love AND the allowance. Make separate piggy banks for allowance money. Ask your kids what seems like a fair percentage to donate. Let them choose what organization and a goal amount. If appropriate, let them experience the reward of presenting it to the organization when the goal is met.
4. Allocate bins for donated clothes and toys. Again, keep the kids part of the decision-making and presentation process.
5. Review Friends for Life project ideas for teachers, some of these projects would be fun to do as a family. For instance you can promote pets awaiting a permanent home visit www.adoptfriends4life.org (click on kidzone) with your kids. Use recycled materials in craft projects.
6. Plant trees, tend to a community garden, adopt a section of street, highway, or promenade as a family.
7. Adopt a grandparent. Contact a local age restricted assisted or independent living center.
8. Coordinate a donation drive as part of your social group gatherings.
9. Recycle as a family. Enlist little smashers and sorters, explain how the materials will be recycled and identify materials in your home that have a percentage of recycled content.
10. Hold a family brainstorming meeting. Ask your kids for some other ideas. At the launch of this website, eighty-five percent of the ideas on itscool2care.org originated in brainstorming sessions with kids 15 and under! Please email us your ideas to be shared with other families.
11. Each month write a thank you card from the family. Choose the recipient as a family, make sure everyone makes their mark on the card. Make your thank you cards from recycled materials!
12. Do you have an idea? Click on our Contact Form on the right bar and let us know what you've come up with so that we can share it here!
13. If you or someone you know wants to support a teacher's project, have your children help decide which project to contribute to at www.donorschoose.org

Project Ideas with a focus on animals

1. Bake homemade dog biscuits
2. Make crate beds for shelter dogs or cats, or make and sell to the public
3. Make homemade dog or cat toys
4. Make personalized dog shirts
5. Running a 5k or doing a track meet and raise money for a shelter
6. Make personalized dog and cat collars
7. Dog Wash
8. Create sponsorship drives for shelter animals that need medical treatments
9. Start a pet play service - entertaining local pets to help them get more attention/love
10. Make birdhouses from recycled materials
11. Create a pet photography service
12. Take pets to visit retirement homes
13. Take pets to visit kids with special needs
14. Make lockets for people to put photos of their pets - can be used to memorialize their lost pets
15. Make homemade toys for your pet(s) or your friend's pet(s)
16. Make a book of pet stories- survey your friends and family for stories about their pets.
17. Make an animal diary. Pretend you are an animal, describe what you look like and what happens during your day.
18. Make a poster with pictures and descriptions of how humans and pets are alike.
19. Write a report on how animals help us. Which jobs seem most fun for the animals? Which ones don't seem fair to the animals? How could those jobs be done by someone or something else?
20. Make a t-shirt design that spreads the message to Adopt, not buy pets.
21. Draw a design for a t-shirt that promotes one of the Friends 4 Life animal stories. Email to itscool2care@yahoo.com
22. Make some puppets and put on a show for the class to tell some of the Friends 4 Life animal's stories, be sure and write the ending you want them to have- going home with a loving family.
23. Make 10 thank you cards for families that Adopt Friends 4 Life animals. Email itscool2care@yahoo.com and we will coordinate getting them to the wonderful adopters!
24. Keep a journal of how your pet responds when you do different activities with him/her. Keep track of the time you spend with them each day for a week. How do you feel when you spend more time playing with him/her. How can you tell that the pet is happier when you spend more time with him/her?
25. Make a list of animal names for Friends 4 Life animals that will be looking for homes. Try to make them as fun and as unusual as possible, that helps future families to pay attention to each animal's unique story. Email to itscool2care@yahoo.com
26. Make art, clothing, or jewelry to sell at a kids care art fair and share your profit with Friends 4 Life. Email to itscool2care@yahoo.com or visit [Kids Care Art Fair info](#)