



CLOTHING THE WORLD

2015-2017 STATE SERVICE PROJECT GUIDE

Prepared by the Florida 4-H State Project Committee

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“The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

- M. Gandhi

INTRODUCTION

This guidebook is designed to inform and assist 4-H members in becoming active citizens in their community, state and nation. It is based on the theme “Clothing the World” and encourages youth to get involved in projects that help those in need.

PHILOSOPHY

Heart – being concerned with the welfare of others, accepting responsibilities of citizenship, determining values and attitudes by which to live, and learning how to work with others.

THE PROJECT

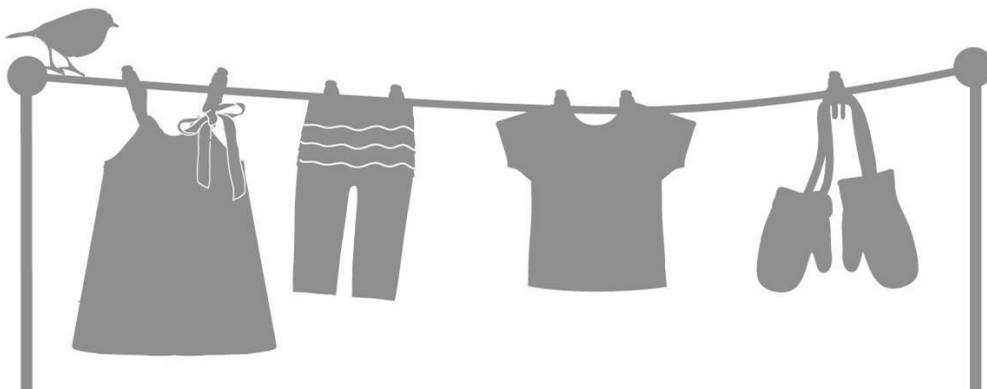
Each year the State Project Committee of the Executive Board recommends activities in which 4-H’ers can participate that will carry out the state wide community service project of the Florida 4-H Council. This year, the committee decided that the theme for 2015-2017 will be “Clothing the World”. This project is focused on helping those in need by hosting clothing drives, volunteering or fundraising for organizations, and making clothing items for those in need either in your community or overseas.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the “Clothing the World” project is to exemplify the “Heart” aspect of the four H’s by providing for one of the most basic human needs of people around the world in the form of clothing.

Don’t forget to ask other youth organizations to join in!

Thank you,
State Project Youth Chair



PROJECT IDEAS

In an effort to inspire youth and to give you a jump-start on Clothing the World Projects, the State Project Committee has assembled a list of service ideas to help get you started serving your community, state and nation. Projects can be completed by Cloverbud, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior 4-H Members.

Clothing Drive

Collect clothing items or shoes and donate them to an organization or give them to people in need. Below are a list of potential places to donate if you are seeking ideas.

- Goodwill or The Salvation Army
- The American Red Cross
- Local Churches or Community Outreach Groups
- Homeless Shelters, Missions and thrift stores
- School Clothing Drives
- Vietnam Veterans of America (<http://www.vva.org/>)
- Dress for Success (<https://www.dressforsuccess.org/>)
- Big Brother Big Sister Foundation (<http://www.bbbsfoundation.org/Home>)
- Planet Aid (<http://www.planetaid.org/>)
- Soles 4 Souls (<http://soles4souls.org/clothes4souls>)
- One Warm Coat (<http://onewarmcoat.org/donate/donate-a-coat/>)
- Blue Jeans Go Green (<http://www.bluejeansgogreen.org/>)

Volunteer your Time

Volunteer your time to help out a local organization that provides items or service to those in need.

- Help sort and deliver clothing at a local store or center.
 - Goodwill or Salvation Army
 - Homeless shelter
 - Community Centers
- Teach a class or presentation to a local community group.
 - Sewing demonstrations
 - Give a speech raising awareness on Clothing the World
 - Teach others how to sew or knit

Projects from the Heart

Not all projects completed must involve clothing. Below are some projects that help the well-being of others by providing people with daily living life essentials.

- Collect and donate hygiene items
- Toothbrushes
- Shampoo

- Deodorant
- Create care packages
- Decorate bandanas for cancer patients
- Make blankets
- Make pillowcases
- Assemble sewing kits

Assemble Clothing Items

Some organizations or projects can inspire you to create or make items to donate to those in need. Below are some organizations and projects that would cater to those of you seeking a more involved project.

- Pillow Case Dresses (<http://www.littledressesforafrica.org/blog/pillow-case-pattern/>)
This organization also collects shorts for boys
- Shoe Cutting Party for Sole Hope (<http://www.solehope.org/get-involved/>)
- Turn old t-shirts into diapers (<http://www.instructables.com/id/T-shirt-Diapers/>)
- Make Tire-flops (<http://www.instructables.com/id/Blown-Tire-Shoes/>)
- Upcycle a men's dress shirt (<http://www.upcyclethat.com/upcycled-dress-shirt/5862/>)
- Have a crocheting or knitting workshop to get your club members started on working on hats, scarves, etc. and donate them to a homeless shelter.

Fundraising/Miscellaneous

Fundraise money for the buying of clothes to donate or give the money directly to an organization. The following is a list of fundraising ideas that you can use, but feel free to come up with your own ideas.

- Host a walk-a-thon
- Organize an auction
- Have a bake sale
- Sell raffle tickets
- Collect loose change (change wars)
- Host a benefit dinner
- Put together a spirit night
- Organize a car wash

Project Completion

The State Project Committee encourages all youth to participate in at least one state project that is associated with Clothing the World. The committee would also like to recognize the youth that do participate in these projects. Once a project is completed, please record it on the attached sheet in this packet. The sheet allows for five projects to be recorded, however, more can be completed and attached on additional sheets. **These record sheets will need to be submitted all together by July 3, 2017.** The committee would appreciate if pictures were included in these reports. The project ideas mentioned in this guidebook are suggestions, therefore, projects do not have to be directly from this packet.

Project Achievement

Bronze: Youth who complete 1 service project will receive a certificate of completion.

Silver: Youth who complete 2 service projects will receive a certificate of completion.

Gold: Youth who complete 3-4 service projects will receive a certificate of completion and will receive recognition at University 2017.

Emerald: Youth who complete 5 or more service projects will receive a certificate of completion and will receive recognition at University 2017.

All certificates will be emailed to either the club leader of the group or the county agent. Club leaders and agents will be able to fill in the names of the participants on each certificate.



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Clothing the World Project Report-Back Form 2016-2017

PLEASE EMAIL WHAT YOU DID!

Send emails to: grace.carter@ufl.edu with the subject "Project Report Form"

You may send one email listing all of the Clothing the World Projects you have participated in during the 2016-2017 year. Project Report-Back Forms are **due by July 3, 2017**

Name of Project: _____

What you did: _____

Total Hours Spent: _____ Number of Project Participants: _____

This project was an: Individual Project () Group Project () Group Name: _____

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What you did: _____

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Please list the Club Leader **AND** County Agent approving this form

Club Leader: _____ County Agent: _____

Club Leader email address: _____

County Agent email address: _____

**Thank you for reporting back your service.
Please attach any pictures of your Clothing the World Project!**

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