



## Partnering with Local Non-Profit Organizations

*ILLINOIS-EASTERN IOWA DISTRICT OF KEY CLUB INTERNATIONAL*

### 1. What cause does your Key Club want to support?

1. **Research and Brainstorm:** Think of the non-profit organizations surrounding your area. Be sure to ask your **club members** for ideas! Selecting a non-profit that you and your club are **passionate** about is the key to making a partnership successful.
2. A quick Google search of "Non-Profit Organizations in \*Town Name\*" will give you a tremendous amount of options. Remember to research these thoroughly!
3. **Key Points to Look For:** When researching, see that you take note of the **organization's purpose or mission statement** and whether it provides you with **contact information** (you need to be able to contact them to set up a partnership!).

### 2. How can you help this local non-profit?

1. **Contacting your local non-profit.** Once you've decided on a non-profit you would like to support, reach out to them via phone, email, and eventually, even visiting them in person. Discuss with your club members **before and after** reaching out to the non-profit on how they want to help this non-profit.
2. **Agree on a service project.** Keep in mind time restraints and availability of resources before committing to a service project. Make sure it's achievable!



3. **Plan the service project.** Discuss with your club officers the best way to implement this service project. You can also reach out to me, as your Lt. Governor, for assistance!
4. **Execute.** Have fun doing the service project!
5. **Earn recognition!** The Illinois-Eastern Iowa District recognizes clubs for service projects through the "Single Service Report Award." Check out the award guidelines on page 49-50 in this [award booklet](#) for a chance to earn recognition!

### 3. Partnership Examples

#### 1. Animal Shelter and Dog Toys

1. My home club reached out to Noah's Ark Animal Shelter and we were able to create dog toys for them using old T-shirts and scissors! Our club members spent roughly 4 hours making dog toys on various occasions.

#### 2. Masks and Hospitals.

1. You can reach out to local hospitals who are in need of masks! There are many tutorials available on YouTube for DIY masks.