

Civic Engagement and Outreach Top 10 Service Projects for 2025

1. Members of the **Granger Women's Club** had a representative from Lasagna Love give a presentation on this nation-wide program that supports those in need of a meal, combating food insecurity and providing a meal in times of hardships of any kind. After the presentation, the members prepared 16 pans of lasagna to deliver. This 25-member club spent 11 volunteer hours and donated \$300 for the purchase of ingredients to prepare the lasagna. Some club members have continued to be involved with the program on an individual basis.
2. Members of the **Cedar Falls Women's Club** invited Lucinda Gilliam to present a program called "Re-entry of Women from Mitchellville Prison into Society". This informed the members of the services available to these women following incarceration. The club supported the efforts of the program by donating \$100.
3. The **Baldwin Woman's Club** provided maintenance of a local Veteran's Memorial plot in their community. They spent 15 hours volunteering by pulling out old plants and starting new plantings as well as weeding and watering throughout the summer months. They donated \$100 to this portion of the project. The club also hung flags along the streets of their town and replaced 12 worn-out flags with new ones this year. Their donation to this project was \$350, as well as \$250 in-kind and 20 hours of volunteerism.
4. Recognizing and celebrating the accomplishments of the female graduates of the Akron-Westfield High School Class of 2025 was the mission of the members of the **Akron Friendship and Service Club** as well as informing them of the importance of volunteerism in our communities. The club held a garden party in April for the girls and activities that included a short program on the mission of GFWC, making flower bouquets, enjoying refreshments and having opportunities for photos. This event was held in the garden space of the Akron Historical Museum, a non-profit that the club donates to. Twenty-five hours of volunteering and \$288 donated dollars made this event a success.
5. Members of the **Maquoketa Women's Club** undertook an extensive project working with the Jackson County Head Start and partnering with Kiwanis and Optimist Clubs in their community. They provided individuals who read weekly to the students, put together "Last Day of School Bags" full of games, sunglasses, toothbrushes/toothpaste, books, bubbles and a small toy, as well as a gift card to be used for parents to purchase groceries. At Christmas time they gifted winter coats, socks, etc. to this group of preschool age children. The support given these children and families assisted them in having essential items at their disposal. Sixty-six volunteer hours, \$390 dollars donated and \$1,335 of in-kind donations were tabulated at the end of this project by this 30-member club.

6. The 19 members of the **Peterson Tuesday Club** organized a headstone cleaning work day at the local cemetery. Research was done to learn of the best methods to use to accomplish the task. A total of 32 headstones were cleaned by six members who spent 24 hours volunteering.
7. Members of the **5 Seasons Women's Assoc., Cedar Rapids** held a clothing drive and collected items such as socks, jackets, underwear, hats and gloves to be donated to the Winter Essentials Drive in their community. This is a partnership with several non-profit organizations. Eighty-nine items were donated amounting to \$317.
8. The **Davenport Quad Cities Club** made seasonal table decorations for a local care facility for senior citizens. Five volunteer hours were accumulated, and \$148 in-kind donations were made.
9. The **Bancroft History Assembly** addressed the concern of food insecurity in their community by donating \$356 to the local food pantry. Members also donated plastic grocery bags and egg cartons for the food pantry to use during distribution of goods. Members additionally donated \$400 in-kind and 313 volunteer hours to help with community food drives. This is a small club of seven members making a huge impact in their community.
10. Members of the **Muscatine Phoenix Club** had a representative from the Cedar River Haven (sober living center for women in recovery) speak at a meeting. Then they visited the center and enjoyed a meal served by the residents. At that time, they delivered toiletry items and later delivered good used and new clothing for the women. In December they received lists from the residents and purchased items on their wish lists. They reported donating \$70 from the club but obviously many volunteer hours and in-kind donations were a part of this project.

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