



## **NEA's Community Outreach Activities: Donations**

### **Bring donations to NEA's Food Bank Booth in Hall B of The George R. Brown Convention Center**

Each year since 1995 delegates to the NEA-RA have had the opportunity to participate in ongoing projects through donations that give back to the host city. This year's activities are as follows.

- **School Supplies & Art Supplies Drive** - supplies will be donated to one or two local organizations for children and teens.
- **Book Drive** - new and gently used books for local shelters/schools, children at Ronald McDonald House, and/or local Kids in Need Resource Centers.
- **Toiletries Drive** – collect or bring toiletries from home to be given to local shelters and families in need and used for the kits for Teen Street Outreach.
- **Food Drive** - drop off food and money for donation to a local Food Bank. State delegations are encouraged to be creative in their fundraising effort to support this cause. This has been an NEA tradition since the 1970's.

## **NEA's Community Outreach: Volunteer Activities**

The NEA Community Outreach Committee plans volunteer opportunities for the 2-3 days before the NEA RA. These opportunities may vary from city to city, but in

past years the following activities have been available.

### **Kits**

Assemble self-care and first aid kits for local Teen Street Outreach Centers for homeless teens at the Food Bank Booth in Hall B.

### **Food Bank Booth: Junka Ezkai, CA**

[Je43@hotmail.com](mailto:Je43@hotmail.com)

Volunteers will man the Food Bank Booth in Hall B during the RA to talk to delegates, plus collect and organize contributions. Contributions of school supplies, books, toiletries, food, and money will be donated to local organizations.

### **Food Bank or other available activity: Cathy Savage, NY**

[csavage55@gmail.com](mailto:csavage55@gmail.com)

Work at a local food bank. Volunteers may sort and organize food for distribution, build shelves, or do whatever needs to be done. If the food bank in the host city is unavailable, another activity will be chosen.

### **☐☐☐Serve a Meal: Karen McInnis, MN**

[mcinn002@tc.umn.edu](mailto:mcinn002@tc.umn.edu)

Help prepare and serve a meal to underprivileged community members through a shelter, mission, or other organization.

### **☐☐☐Habitat for Humanity and/or HFH Restore: Mary Kennedy, OH**

[mary\\_kennedy@hboe.org](mailto:mary_kennedy@hboe.org)

Work at a HFH Restore or build site, if one is available. Volunteers may paint, hammer, drill, put up siding, move dirt, or do whatever is needed. If no HFH opportunity is available, the committee will do their best to find some other outdoor activity for volunteers.

### **☐☐☐Ronald McDonald House: Lynda Currington, KY**

[Lynda.currington@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:Lynda.currington@jefferson.kyschools.us)

Help to clean, sanitize, and/or organize playrooms, or whatever is needed to be done at a local Ronald McDonald House.

**Local Teacher Supply Store: Renee Beverly, VA**

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Help to clean, stock, organize, and categorize teaching materials for teachers, staff, and students in local schools in need of assistance.