

TAFCE STATE PROJECT REPORTS

Our mission is to strengthen individuals, families, and communities through continuing education, leadership development, and community action. During the year, let us strive to do this through support for our children, youth, and our communities. The following are *ideas* of areas where our help is needed:

Education:

- Personal reading and creative writing - encourage TAFCE members to enter TAFCE Creative Writing.
- Share Cultural Arts with others
- Character Counts- sponsor "The Six Pillars of Character" program that encourages 4th graders to strive for excellence and creativity through reading, writing, and drawing skills
- Donate School Supplies
- Support Head Start Programs and other classroom activities
- Support NEA's Read Across America -Read Dr. Seuss books to children
- Listen to children read and read to children
- Share magazines with senior facilities
- Provide books to children (Imagination Library and/ or local health department)
- Teach a class to adults, young adults, or children
- Join a book club
- TAFCE College Scholarships - provide scholarships to fce members

Leadership:

- Conduct leadership training for fce and other interested community members
- Teach leadership skills within your fce club and to other organizations in your circle
- Participate in any active leadership role to better your community
- Volunteer to help lead 4-H activities
- Mentor single parents and homemakers
- Share cultural arts/heritage skill with others

Community Action:

- Ronald McDonald House - Collect can tabs
- Wrapped-In-Love (blankets, hats, etc. for cancer). see website: <http://wrappedinlovefoundation.com>
- Project Linus (blankets for children). see website: <https://www.projectlinus.org>
- Sewing 4 Souls (clothes for children in third world countries). see website: <https://sewing4souls.org>
- DEA Take Back program (prescription drug disposal). see website: <https://takebackday.dea.gov>
- Feeding American Back Pack Program see website: <http://www.feedingamerica.org/our-work/hunger-relief-programs/backpack-program>
- Prepare health packages for Veterans' Hospitals and county health departments
- Promote fce through community festivals and fairs
- Attend government meetings
- Family emergency preparation
- Care for parks and cemeteries
- Educate Community about Human Trafficking
- Support a homeless shelter
- Support local Food Bank

The key to being effective is to be aware of what is going on around you. There are many families with children where neglect and/or abuse are a daily occurrence. Find out what you as an individual can do. Be willing to take action. Throughout the year be sure to read your local newspaper and stay abreast of community events. An informed person is able to act responsibly when needed.