

# Identify the Service Project

## In this activity (featured in the *Service Toolkit*):

Members will get out of their seats for active service project idea sharing! Facilitate the process for all members to share their thoughts about (1) an organization/institution to help or partner with, (2) a person who can be the club's main contact, and (3) an idea for a service project to meet the need selected by the club. Then it's time to vote! Lead your members to discover the service project idea that gets them most excited to make a difference!

## This activity allows members to:

- Use their voice and share their ideas
- Practice collaborating successfully.
- Determine a ranked list of service project ideas with the #1 choice for the club's next project.

## Materials needed:

- A small ball
- Whiteboard and dry erase marker
- Flipchart paper
- Broad tip markers
- Sticky notes
- Members' completed Investigation & Findings and Taking Notes worksheets (from advisor)

## How to lead this activity:

Now that members have gathered information through multiple interviews, it's time to determine the best way for the club to serve the community and address this service need.

1. Pass back the completed Investigation & Findings and Taking Notes worksheets to members. Ask everyone to review their notes on these worksheets.
2. Place individual flipchart papers around the room and ask the club secretary to write one name of an organization the club has researched at the top of each flipchart. Ask the secretary to take notes on these papers during the meeting.
3. On the whiteboard, a club officer should write the following sentence:
  - a. "If we choose to help or partner with [name of organization] with a service project, we could work with [names of people in the organization] to help solve the problem by [description of the service project]."
4. Ask the club to form a big circle.
5. Explain that the club will take turns filling in the blanks in the whiteboard sentence.
6. A club officer will go first. Holding the ball in their hands, the officer describes the service project using the sentence on the whiteboard, the club secretary should write it on the flip chart for that specific organization. (The secretary will make sure to take detailed notes on all service projects described in this activity.)
  - a. Here is an example:

If the club's service need is *Health and Wellness*, the officer could say, "If we choose to help *our school* with a service project, we could work with *the principal* to help solve the problem of *students who don't have winter boots*. We could do this by hosting a boot donation drive in the fall."

7. The club officer will then ask for a volunteer to go next. Throw the ball to that member and remind them to use the whiteboard sentence when sharing an idea.
8. Continue until every member has shared an idea.
9. Then, give each member a sticky note.
10. Ask each member to write his/her/their name on the note and place it next to his/her/their favorite service project idea.
11. After everyone has voted, a club officer will tally the number of votes (sticky notes with names) to determine the most popular service project. [If there's a tie, members with their names on those project ideas, should vote again on the tied options until a winner emerges.]
12. Congratulate members - the club has made an informed choice of the next service project for your Builders Club!