

Wisconsin Bankers Association

Power of COMMUNITY

April 22-26, 2019

Community Involvement Suggestions

Are you looking for suggestions on how your bank could participate in the Power of Community Week? Or maybe you are looking for new ideas to add to your current list of tried-and-true ways of working with the community? The WBA BOLT Board of Directors offers these suggestions for your consideration.

- » **Bring Financial Literacy to the Classroom**
 - » April 12 is National Teach Children to Save Day – check out WBA’s free Reading Raises Interest Kits and other resources at www.wisbank.com/ReadingRaisesInterestKits!
 - » Host a financial literacy open house event for your community to attend – how to build credit, pay off debt, save for college, etc.
 - » Volunteer to read in a local classroom.
- » **Collect Donations for a Non-Profit**
 - » Branch Thrift Sale
 - » Lemonade Sale
 - » Partner with a local food pantry
- » **Bag groceries at a Local Grocer**
- » **Partner with an Agency**
 - » Habitat for Humanity: Reach out to your local chapter of Habitat and get a group of bankers together to help build a home for someone in need.
- » Local United Way Chapter
- » Salvation Army
- » Create no-sew blankets for the homeless.
- » In conjunction with area Legion VFW, flag collection (to dispose of worn/tattered American flags properly and respectfully).
- » **Visit a Local Senior Center**
 - » Often the programming director for a senior center needs ideas to occupy their residents. Get a group of bankers together and offer some form of entertainment – do you have musicians among you? How about a cooking demonstration and/or tasting? Bring your kids along and read books, play games, and visit.
 - » Create cards to deliver to nursing home residents.
- » Help out with Meals on Wheels deliveries.
- » **Volunteer at a Local Animal Shelter**
 - » Often animal shelters are short on help to care for as many animals as they rescue. Get a group together and clean cages, walk dogs, host a fundraiser, do some heavy lifting, build kennels, or whatever else the shelter may need.
- » **Citywide Cleanup**
 - » Gather the troops and a few brooms! Work with your city to organize a citywide cleanup day. Prune bushes, weed gardens, wash buildings and windows, clear garbage, paint hydrants – the list goes on and on.
- » Plant some new flowers or get a vegetable garden ready – Spring is here!
- » Adopt a highway for litter pickup.
- » Clean up veterans’ headstones.
- » **Local Hero Appreciation**
 - » Make care packages for your local police officers, firefighters, doctors, military, bus drivers, teachers, or whomever you deem a hero. Include baked goods, letters of appreciation, lunch, dinner, candy, gifts, etc.
- » **NOW Meals (Nutrition on Weekend)**
 - » Pack weekend meal bags for students in need – check in with your local school district(s).
- » **School Closet**
 - » Work with schools to have a donation-stocked closet of youth clothes and necessities to help those in need.

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