

# WHAT IS A TAKE ACTION PROJECT?

## Community Service vs. Take Action Project

Community Service Project	Take Action Project
Addresses an immediate need in the community, for a short while.	Meets need in the longer term by addressing the cause – through direct action or education.
A one-time project that benefits something or someone now.	
Done <i>for</i> the community or <i>for</i> an agency.	Completed <i>with</i> the community or <i>with</i> an agency.
	Girls get people in the community to come out and support their efforts.
	Outcomes can be measured.

**A Take Action Project often picks up from where a Community service project leaves off.**

<b><i>Let's say your girls want to...</i></b>	<b><i>What could Taking Action look like?</i></b>
Plant flowers in a park during a community service day.	Work with local officials to start a public gardening project in the community.
Collect clothing or toiletries for the homeless.	Create a drive, involve more people and enlist other groups to do their own collections.
Paint walls to cover-up graffiti.	Create a contest for kids to submit art to cover graffiti. Set up a painting day with the contest winners.
Pick up trash on Earth Day.	Advocate to the city for more cans.
Collect school supplies.	Set up a school supply depot at local church and enlist members to keep it stocked.
Donate indoor plants to senior center.	Educate seniors at center about plants & indoor air quality. Set up a day to plant together.
Collect dog toys to donate	Educate people about the danger of leaving dogs in parked cars or the effects of secondhand smoke on pets.
Collect cans for food bank.	Create a cookbook with recipes for odd food donations or collect unused backyard fruit in the neighborhood and donate.
Host play day for younger girls	Create event for girls where they learn STEM can be fun. Bring in female scientists for the girls to meet.