

# *Tips for Volunteering*

## TIPS FOR FAMILIES WHO WANT TO VOLUNTEER

1. Busy schedules allow for little family time. Volunteering allows you a great family bonding experience while also giving back to your community.

2. Life lessons can be taught through service. Exposure to all types of social issues is available first-hand by volunteering as a family.

3. Teach your children well. When families volunteer, children are more likely to develop a life-long habit of giving to their communities. Whether you get your family involved in a large-scale mural painting or a small-scale literacy program, your family will benefit from the opportunity of seeing how they can make a difference.

4. Start you own family tradition. It may be ringing bells during the winter or assisting with an MLK project every January, but you can start a tradition of service that will create life-long memories.

5. Invite the whole family. Strengthen your entire family by including grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins in your volunteering activities. You could even plan your own event – talk with your local park district and arrange your own project.