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- 3. Assist with a school lunch program.
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- 5. Collect children's clothing and shoes for a shelter for battered women and children.
- 6. Collect suitcases or backpacks for orphaned children; fill with school supplies.
- 7. Work with healthcare professionals to provide free immunizations.
- 8. Work with healthcare professionals to provide health screenings or free clinics to provide physical, dental, hearing exams; and follow up with assistance, if necessary (professional referrals, assistive devices).
- Assist at children's camps focusing on diabetes, blindness, deafness or hearing loss, and other camps serving children with special needs.
- 10. Make baby supply kits for newborns in need.
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- 15. Develop a reading program or "story day" for pre-school and elementary grade school children.
- **16.** Team up with a youth organization to mentor at-risk youth.
- 17. Refurbish used bicycles and distribute to children and youth.
- **18.** Assist local law enforcement with a neighborhood photo identification project for children.
- **19.** Collect usable furniture for an orphanage or family in need.
- **20.** Organize a book or board game drive for a community center, children's after-school center, hospital facility or school library.
- 21. Remodel a children's center or school room: paint, repair and landscape.
- 22. Provide safe soft teddy bear toys (no small, removable parts) to local emergency service professionals for presentation to children during an emergency.
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