

Community Engagement Template and Supply List

Congratulations on taking the first step towards making a difference in your community!
This document will outline some useful resources to help you start on your journey.

Initial Outreach:

1. Choose a place you might like to volunteer at. This may be a youth shelter, a senior center, a homeless shelter, etc.
2. Think about the following before you reach out:
 - a. Frequency - How often would I volunteer here? Monthly, Bi-Monthly, etc.
 - b. Location - Is this a place you'll want to drive to?
 - c. Timing - Consider what times you would be available and for how many hours at a time.

Email or Call the Organization:

Here is an example email you may use:

"Hello, my name is _____ and I'm interested in volunteering at _____.

I can offer sewing services like garment or bag repair. If you think this is something that your organization would be interested in, I can volunteer for a few hours with my sewing machine and see what the need is.

My next availability is _____.

Thank you for your consideration, I look forward to hearing back from you.

Best Regards,
_____,"

What to Bring (Packing List)

- Sewing machine
 - Zig-zag foot
 - Walking foot
 - Zipper foot
- Iron
- Wool mat for iron
- Hand sewing kit
 - Thread in multiple colors
 - Needles in multiple sizes
 - Thimble
- Scissors
- Spray Bottle of water
- Small spray bottle of isopropyl alcohol (to disinfect garments that are dirty)
- Extension Cord
- Thread
 - Black, White, Beige, Blue (for jeans)
 - Empty Bobbins
- Zippers
 - 12 inch black
 - 12 inch white
- Hook and Eye closures (for repairing bras)
- Buttons
 - Black and White for button-up shirts
 - Jeans buttons
- Fusible
 - Hem Tape
 - Sheets of Steam-a-Seam2 (for making patches)
- Fabric for making patches
 - Solids: Black, white, beige (khaki)
 - Denim
- Peel and stick patches for ripstop or windbreaker fabric (fabrics that you can't really sew on)