January

RESOLUTION WALL
Post a large piece of paper on a wall in a school, workplace or your family home and ask people to write a resolution for the New Year on the wall. For example, “This year, I will attend Mass twice a week.”

February

GET YOUR HEART PUMPING
Host a blood drive, partnering with an organization like the American Red Cross, and invite people from a variety of cities. Have a competition to see which city has the most people volunteer at the event or donate blood!

March

BALD FOR A CAUSE
Host a head-shaving or beard-shaving event, teaming up with an organization like St. Baldrick’s, to bring awareness to cancer and support those suffering from it!

April

DRESS TO IMPRESS
Host a formal dress drive and give to those who aren’t able to afford dresses for fancy occasions such as Homecoming or Prom. Or, sell the dresses to community members and donate the money to a school or charity.

GOING GREEN
Paint recycling bins (think flowers, etc.) to increase recycling awareness.

May

DIAPER DRIVE
Purchase or collect boxes of diapers and donate them to a shelter or crisis pregnancy center.

COMMUNITY GARDEN
Plant flowers to brighten your neighborhood, or seeds to produce food to share. Don’t forget to harvest it in the fall!

June

I WEAR MY SUNGLASSES AT NIGHT
Collect eye glasses and sun glasses to donate to a local shelter or to a group who collects these glasses for people in need.
**July**

**SOLE MATE**
Host a kids shoe drive to collect pairs of new or gently used shoes, and then donate them to an orphanage.

**September**

**FIELD TRIP WITH A MISSION**
Coordinate a field trip to the local nursing home. Consider assigning each grade or student a task or project to work on with the residents. Grandparents Day is this month but some residents might not see their grandchildren often; consider this as you plan!

**November**

**VETERANS DAY**
Honor America’s Veterans by serving a meal at a local VFW or visiting veterans who are in assisted living facilities.

**Ideas for any month**

**SENIOR SMART**
Teach the elderly in your community how to use their smart phones or social media accounts!

**IT’S THE SMALL STUFF**
Fill bags with basic hygiene products (deodorant, toothpaste, soap, band aids, etc.) and deliver to a shelter or neighbors in need.

**FOOD FOR THE SOUL**
Know someone enduring a hospital stay? Cook a meal for him or her, or deliver their favorite carry-out food item. If bringing food to the person isn’t an option, cook a meal for the person’s family!

**NO SEW BLANKET**
Purchase fabric to make tie blankets, and ask friends and family to help you create the blankets! Donate them to an adoption agency or hospital.

**START THE DAY ON A HIGH NOTE**
Post notes with positive messages on mirrors around your school, work place or home to encourage people to smile.
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TEACHER’S AID
Donate classroom supplies to teachers, or host a fundraiser so they can purchase items for their classrooms.

DRESS FOR THE JOB
Collect professional clothes for people living in domestic violence or homeless shelters so they have appropriate apparel when they go on job interviews!

SUPERHERO KITS
Create capes and masks for children in hospitals receiving treatment and deliver the items to the hospital.

BACKPACK DRIVE
Collect backpacks and donate to children in need.

STEADY FEET
Make non-slip socks for children and adults in the hospital.

ADVICE FOR COLLEGE
Make a presentation to high school seniors, sharing advice for college with them! Reach out to fellow high school alumni and the school’s principal or guidance counselor.

YOU’RE HIRED
Reach out to a college or university and organize a themed career panel to prepare current students for their likely next step in life – jobs!

DANCE YOUR HEART OUT
Host a dance-a-thon or after school dance at which you collect some kind of admission – money, books, gently used dresses – and donate the items to a local organization.

FEED THE NEED TO READ
Ask students to bring in gently used (or even new) bibles or spiritual books. Donate the books to hospitals, prisons or nursing homes.

DO YOU HAVE ANOTHER OUTSIDE OF THE BOX IDEA?
What events have you hosted? Let us know by posting your photo to social media using #AnswerTheCall!