

JRCLS Month of Service – 5 Tips For Organizing a Service Project

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Mother Teresa of Calcutta said: “Love cannot remain by itself – it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action, and that action is service.”

The Month of Service is a powerful tool to put love into action by members of the JRCLS around the world.

The feeling of joy and gratitude for helping other people motivates us to dedicate time, talents, and knowledge to help people in need.

We focus on pro bono service because it helps us feel like we belong. We are one, together, helping people in need. There is great strength in this type of action and feeling.

Chapter leaders and members have asked: How can I organize a pro bono service project as part of the JRCLS Month of Service for March 2022?

Here are 5 tips on how to organize a pro bono service:

1. **Partner With A Local Social Organization:** Find an organization that helps vulnerable people in your area, talk to them, and find legal opportunities to support the organization or people they help. This organization can be a congregation of a church.
2. **Share Stories With Chapter Members:** Tell stories of people receiving help and how it has impacted their lives. Show how we can make a difference.
3. **Choose the project date and publicize it well:** Saturday is usually the best day for a pro bono project. Spread the word on social media and by email. Invite all chapter members and encourage them to invite their friends to participate.
4. **Conduct A Training:** Hold an orientation meeting before the project so participants know what to do and what not to do. Discuss the needs of those who will be helped and encourage participants to serve with joy.
5. **Report the Project:** Write a report on how the project went and include testimonials from people who participated. Take good pictures. Publicizing

how the project has blessed the lives of others will motivate other members and chapters to participate in future pro bono projects.

The project can be simple, but if it is done with love and dedication, it will benefit, even if only 1 person is touched, then it makes all the effort worth it.

I close this simple article with another quote from Mother Teresa of Calcutta: “We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.”

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