GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY(S)
APRIL 17-19, 2020

Register your GYSD project at http://leadasap.ysa.org/gysd#register. You can register as an individual, group, club, school, etc. Use this GYSD Spark Fire worksheet to: https://ysa.ispringcloud.com/acc/Yvsm3YAxMzg5MA/s/13890-L2BPi-Mwqt3-2cioW

1) Choose your spark, i.e., education, safe driving, water, bullying, disease, etc.
2) Identify your personal assets or passion, i.e., music, art, speech, comedy, reading, etc.
3) Choose your action strategy, i.e., service, advocacy, philanthropy
4) Put it all together in the worksheet!

Add the hash tag #dogoodfromhome to your projects https://www.dogoodfromhome.com/. See Do Good From Home website for more information, ideas, resources, and to see what others have already done! Some examples and ideas:

1) Bake muffins and deliver them to healthcare professionals. Be sure to use social distancing protocol, masks, gloves, and have an adult with you;
2) Leave a potted plant on a neighbor’s doorstep;
3) Write thank you notes and give them to the people who deliver your mail, packages, take-out food, etc. (use gloves when you give them your notes);
4) Use sidewalk chalk to draw positive, fun images for your neighbors to see as they walk around;
5) Foster an animal during the quarantine period (some shelters do not have enough staff to take care of all the animals);
6) Use your musical talent and record yourself singing or playing a happy, uplifting song. Post it on Facebook or Instagram (BE SURE to get permission and supervision from an adult before you put anything on social media!);
7) Make bluebird houses;
8) Make first aid kits for homeless people. See this Pinterest post about Blessing Bags and to get a downloadable checklist of contents https://www.pinterest.com/pin/125889752059550998/ (make sure to donate your bags to a homeless shelter or other organization that serves the homeless).

Go to Design for Change website https://designforchange.us to get more ideas about how to implement a project using the four steps below (these steps are for educators, 4-H leaders, parents who may want a systematic way of presenting service projects. The ideas and information are presented using youth-led podcasts around the following:

1) FEEL (build empathy)
2) IMAGINE (brainstorm ideas)
3) DO (Implement solutions)
4) SHARE (inspire others)

Go to Earth Challenge 2020 to sign up to be a citizen scientist. This year’s research questions are: 1) What is the extent of plastics pollution? 2) How does air quality vary locally https://earthchallenge2020.earthday.org/. Download apps to contribute to the science that is collected by the U.S. Department of State, Earth and the Wilson Center.

Apps for the above research questions include one to monitor plastics pollution: 1) Wander lets you upload pictures of plastics pollution you encounter throughout your day; 2) Clean-up lets you register for a local clean-up day that logs how much plastic you collect; 3) Air Quality app asks you to take pictures of horizons and upload them so scientists can monitor air quality in a specific area.