A Chance to Serve

2018 Jr. Leadership Conference
Community Service Project

Service to others is a huge aspect of the Illinois 4-H program. We request the 2018 Jr. Leadership Conference participants and chaperones to open their hearts and bring 1-2 items to donate at this year’s conference. We will be donating to three not-for-profit organizations that were started by our own Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team members.

Below are descriptions of the three organizations we are collecting for:

- **It’s the Small Things** *(Taylor Hartke)* – It’s the Small Things is a nonprofit organization which gives children who are terminally ill or receiving long-term medical care and their families backpacks and bundles to brighten their time in the hospital, helping to take their mind off of the illness. Targets children 3-18 years of age.

- **Helmets & Heels** *(Kaley Rouse)* – Helmets & Heels was created to benefit the Children’s Hospital of Illinois and St. Jude in Peoria. Items are given to the children on the General Pediatric floor, Pediatric Oncology floor, and the Pediatric Intensive Care floor by Kaley and her local high school football team as a means to give back to their community.

- **H Cubed** *(Anthony Warmack)* – H Cubed is an organization which assists homeschool families and students who are in financial need through charitable means. When a situation such as job loss, divorce, fire, death of a parent, or any other type of unexpected disaster happens to a family, the financial burden can be great. While many public schools offer programs to assist those who are in financial need, homeschooling families don’t have such programs. [http://www.homeschoolerscubed.org/](http://www.homeschoolerscubed.org/).

**Donations Needed:**

- Hobby focused books/material
- New cards or games
- New backpacks
- New plastic totes
- Lysol wipes
- Homeschool curriculum
- New toys or stuffed animals (for ages 0 – 20)
- New blankets (for ages newborn to 20)
- Other items that might be beneficial to youth in need
- Gift cards for teens (Amazon, Best Buy, iTunes, etc.)
- Literature, picture, easy reader books, educational DVDs
- Gift cards to book stores, educational/office supply stores, or other “fun” gift cards
- Dress-up items for children
- Lightly used books for 3-18 years of age
- DVD’s appropriate for 3-18 years of age
- New coloring, puzzle or activity books
- New blankets (for ages newborn to 20)