

# PLANNING WHAT COMES NEXT ACTION KIT

## YOU'RE ABOUT TO ORGANIZE A SERVICE PROJECT AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR WORLD – WAY TO GO!

You made a big difference in your community! Now it is time to celebrate, and tell more people about your project so that they can follow your example. Keep going - your community needs you!

This action kit, created by Disney's Friends for Change and YSA, will help you build upon your project to make an even bigger difference!



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### THINK BIG

Your service project is just a beginning. How can you keep your project going and be a Friend for Change all year round?

- What would you need to make this project help even more people and organizations?
- How can you help more people learn about the issue you worked on and what they might do to help?
- Are there spin-off projects that you can think of to help your issue, or did your project help you to become more aware of other problems in your community?
- What could you do so that the impact of your project lasts long after your project ends?
- What are kids in other states or even in other countries doing to make a difference on this issue in their communities?



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### GREAT JOB!

Let people know how much you appreciate all their work!

- Send handmade cards, with a photo of the project.
- Have a party and celebrate the great job you did together. Ask the Mayor or another public official to come and give out Friends for Change certificates to all who participated with you.
- Nominate volunteers for awards like the President's Volunteer Service Award. Or, create your own awards to acknowledge something special: "For inviting many others to help" or "For smiling even when the work was hard".
- Be sure to thank any businesses that may have helped you with their donations of supplies, food, or employee time.

### TIP:

As you are looking to continue, expand and keep your project going, think about what went really well. Ask your friends, family, neighbors, and the organizations you helped to share their ideas about how you could make an even bigger difference!



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## COVER YOUR COSTS

Now that you have some experience in doing your project, you know what you need to make it bigger and even more successful. To expand what you achieved:

- Start looking for grant opportunities and apply early! You can write a very strong application because you already have your first project results to share.
- Ask any businesses that may have donated money or supplies to you to let other stores know you are continuing your project, and that you need their help, too.
- Think about how you can save money when continuing your project by re-using materials instead of buying new ones, or by borrowing supplies that you may not need to buy.

### TIP:

Find out if there are young people or even youth organizations in other communities trying to change the same issue you are working on. Let them know what you are doing and see if there are ways that you could join your efforts together.



