



**make a difference through**



Community service is work done by an individual or a group of people that will bring some form of benefit to others. It is most often done near where you live so your own community reaps the benefits of your work. You do not get paid to perform community service because you volunteer your time. Community service can help many different groups of people: children, homeless, low-income, senior citizens, people with disabilities, even animals and the environment. Community service is often organized through a place of worship, school, nonprofit organization; or you can create your own community service project just to make a difference in your community. Many people do community service because they enjoy helping others. Sometimes students are required to do community service to meet school requirements, and others are ordered by a judge to complete a certain number of community service hours.

#### ***Why Perform in Community Service?***

There are numerous benefits to participating in community service, both for yourself and others. Here are some of the more important benefits of volunteering:

- Community service allows you a way to help others,
- Community service helps improve your community,
- Community service can help strengthen your resume and college applications,
- Community service can be a way to meet new friends,
- Community service can result in personal growth,
- Community service gives you a way to gain work experience, and
- Community service makes you a better person in your community.

In order to proceed you need to identify why you want to perform community service, what type of community service activity you are seeking, who do you want to help, what are your passions or interests, what kind of impact you want to have and perhaps what skills would you like to gain. Regardless of these answers, Pueblo Cooperative Care Center does something every day that brings people closer to a better tomorrow, we make a difference and now...so can you!

**PUEBLO COOPERATIVE CARE CENTER CAN HELP YOU IN THIS JOURNEY!**

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READING!*



### **COURT-ORDERED COMMUNITY SERVICE – INDIVIDUAL ONLY**



Pueblo Cooperative Care Center is a Pueblo County nonprofit organization that *does allow* individuals to work off their court-ordered community service. Our organization has proven to be successful with our help towards others. All court-ordered community service must be approved by the Executive Director or their designee and court-ordered community service is only allowed if Pueblo Cooperative Care Center has a need or available opening. Court-ordered community service will not be scheduled if it is anticipated that it could interfere with daily operations. Individuals who are ordered by the courts to perform community service are required to keep all documentation current and complete it as outlined by the court and Pueblo Cooperative Care Center. Failure to maintain these requirements is just cause for court-ordered community service to cease and it will be reported to the court immediately.

This non-comprehensive general information provided by Pueblo Cooperative Care Center ONLY and is not intended to provide any individual with legal advice of any kind. Individuals who have questions regarding court-ordered community service are encouraged to seek legal advice from an attorney or from the respective assigning court.

### **SCHOOL-BASED COMMUNITY SERVICE – INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP**



Many of Pueblo County's public and private schools require students to perform community service hours each year in their defined curriculum. Pueblo Cooperative Care Center is a Pueblo County nonprofit organization that does allow students to perform school-based community service hours to meet their defined objectives. The minimum age requirement to work independently at Pueblo Cooperative Care Center is age 16 but younger students can perform school-based community service, but adult supervision needs to be provided the entire time. All school-based community service must be approved by the Executive Director or their designee and school-based community service is only allowed if Pueblo Cooperative Care Center has a need or available opening. School-based community service will not be scheduled if it is anticipated that it could interfere with daily operations.



To help students meet their requirements, if school-based community service is not available at Pueblo Cooperative Care Center students should consider these available options:

- Hospitals,
- Nursing Homes,
- Animal Shelters,
- Community Soup Kitchens,
- Places of Worship,
- Public Libraries,
- Museums,
- Parks and Recreation Facilities,
- Schools (outside their area), or
- Other community nonprofits.

Students who perform school-based community service are required to keep all documentation current and complete it as outlined by their respective school. Failure to maintain these requirements is just cause for school-based community service to cease and it will be reported to the respective school immediately by Pueblo Cooperative Care Center as warranted.

