

VALUE AND PRACTICE SERVICE TO OTHERS

In 4-H we pledge our hands to larger service.

In Kansas 4-H we say one of our life skills is developing a concern for the community

One of the eight essential Elements of 4-H is the Opportunity to value and practice service to others.

- *Youth need to feel their lives have meaning and purpose.*
- *By participating in 4-H community service and citizenship activities, youth connect to communities and learn to give back to others.*

One of the “big four” (BMIGS) is Generosity – Community Service is a major contributor to meeting this.

In the book The Good Teen, based on the 4-H study, by Dr. Richard Lerner he talks about the Concern for Community and that 4-H develops that better than other youth development programs.

The Positive Youth Development C's, (five + one) Competence, Confidence, Connection, Character, Caring, plus Contribution. 4-H Community Service strengthening all six of the C's.

All of these point to the importance of service in our 4-H Clubs.

Review:

Why 4-H Community Service?-Ohio 4-H Clubs Advisors Handbook

<http://advisorshandbook.ohio4h.org/learning/files/5%20Steps%20to%20Great%20Community%20Service.pdf>