



# Service Learning Opportunities

## Second Nine Weeks

**\*HOTC ...** Family Volunteer Day on November 6, 2021. Sign up for this event begins in October. Please visit the website to sign up for this event as well as updates on service and donation opportunities. [Handsonthomascounty.org](http://Handsonthomascounty.org)

**\*Thomas County Humane Society ...** Students will be allowed to donate treats and distribute them to the animals, following a volunteer training session. The session dates and times are published on their website on the events page. ([Thomasvillehumane.org](http://Thomasvillehumane.org)) The training session is required before the students can volunteer. Feel free to donate a bag of dog food for 3 hours of credit. They use Hill Science Diet food. It can be purchased from the Tractor Supply Company. Treat boxes/bags will equal one half hour each. They can be turned in to Mrs. Studdard or donated directly to the Humane Society. Please take a service learning form with you as you train or volunteer. The staff there will be happy to sign the forms.

**\*MERIT League of Good Neighbors ...** MERIT students may volunteer to clean/ mow the lawn or complete outside chores of a person who may find it difficult to complete chores on their own. Hopefully, MERIT students can identify needs within their own neighborhoods. They are encouraged to wear their MERIT team t-shirts while working! Please have the neighbor in need sign the SL volunteer form.

**\*Treehouse ... The Giving Tree Project .** The holiday season can be a tough time both emotionally and financially for many families including the families we serve. Some children will even have to spend the holidays away from their home or in foster care. For those children who may frequently have to move from place to place, a colorful duffle bag monogrammed just for them can make these times a little less heartbreaking. This project allows volunteers from the community to “adopt” a child’s Wish List so the child will have gifts to open during Christmas. Not only does this help the child feel loved and cared for during the holiday season, it also contributes greatly to their overall journey to healing. ( 1 Family = 6 hours)  
<http://treehousethomasville.org/>

**Ronald MacDonald House ...** Students can donate a quart zip lock bag full of soda can tabs. **Each bag is equal to 1 hour.** Students may turn them into their homeroom teachers or Mrs. Studdard.

**Hands and Hearts for Horses ...** Volunteers assist with many aspects of horse care, from grooming and tacking horses for lessons to bringing in and turning out horses before and after rides. For volunteers who don't mind going above and beyond, there are always stalls to be mucked, water buckets to be filled, and horses to be bathed! Please visit the website to get started with the application process. [info@handsandheartsforhorses.com](mailto:info@handsandheartsforhorses.com)

**Salvation Army ...** Our MERIT students sign up with their team teachers to RING THE BELL during the holidays beginning on This is a wonderful opportunity for students to wear their Santa hats and showcase their band talents, if they choose.

**Thomas County Food Bank Blanket Drive ...** The First United Methodist Church helps to coordinate this blanket drive. These blankets will be given out at the Food Bank Christmas Parties. They ask that the blankets be NEW, fleece or plush and be throw size (approximately 52 inches x 60 inches.) Students may bring these to their homeroom teachers from October 18th thru October 29. (1 blanket = 3 hours)

**Thomas County Middle School Canned Food Drive ...** Students can bring in 5 cans for 1 hour to their homeroom teacher when the food drive begins in November.

