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Empowering Young Philanthropists

Using our mission to educate and encourage compassion for others



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Being in the service of others is a core principal which Little Annie's Hope Train has based our mission. Service to others in need allows our members to learn and grow as people and citizens. Recognizing the value of giving back, we believe that part of our mission is to educate young people of the needs of those less fortunate in the Northeast Ohio area, and encourage their participation in our fight against poverty and homelessness.

We state in our mission, "We work to remove the stigma of need while remembering to see the person and not the struggle." Educating young people to understand the needs of individuals with a lack of resources is an integral part of meeting that mission. By helping kids to see beyond the stigma, they become more empathic human beings. To accomplish our goal, Little Annie's Hope Train speaks with school and youth organizations, such as Girls and Boys Scouts, Wickliffe High School Learn. Lead. Serve. Service Learning Program, St. Gabriel's Elementary School, and St. Mary's Assumption Athletics Program. Engaging school and youth programs in service projects to aide those in need allows our organization to share the gift of service with our future community leaders. There is no better way to change the world than to create an understanding and compassion for our fellow man.

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

— Mahatma Gandhi



How to Encourage Youth Service?

Encouraging young people to serve others has many benefits. Youth who serve others will: have a sense of mission that is bigger than them, gain leadership skills, build self confidence, and make the world a better place. How can you help the young people in your life gain service experiences? The best way to start is to serve together. Leading by example sends a strong message on the importance of what you are both doing. Begin small—for example, assemble care kits at home. Then build on each experience to expand the breadth of your service. Most importantly... Have fun and enjoy the time you have together aiding those in need and making your community a better place.

How Can You Help Little Annie's Hope Train?

Little Annie's Hope Train has an Amazon Public Wish List which has approximately 40 items that are of the utmost need for our homeless friends. The Wish List is located via a link on our website. We also purchase many items in bulk. We are more than happy to accept Laketran bus passes, cash, and checks made payable to "Little Annie's Hope Train". **You are more than welcome to donate via PayPal through our website (see the link below) or checks can be sent to our address below.**



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