

# Cooking Up Action

**D**oes your local homeless shelter need help serving meals? Is there litter in the park in your neighborhood? Could your school use new library books? No need to stew about it! Get your friends and family together and cook up a plan.

Starting a service project might seem like a big challenge at first, but it may be easier than you think.

It's okay to start small. Talk to your parents about your ideas. Then get a few friends to serve food or clean up the park with you. When people ask about your work, find out if they'd like to help next time. Or look for volunteers from your school. It feels great to make a difference. And who knows—your effort could stir up an appetite for even more service projects!

These kids are helping out at a homeless shelter. Use the letter pairs to complete tips about service projects. Each pair is used only once.



## Successful Service Recipe

1. FI \_\_\_ out about what services are needed in your community.
2. \_\_\_ \_\_\_ an issue that really interests you.
3. Focus on a main \_\_\_ \_\_\_ that you can achieve.
4. \_\_\_ \_\_\_ to people about their service projects.  
See if you can work together.
5. Ask others in your family, neighborhood, or school to \_\_\_ \_\_\_.
6. Meet with your \_\_\_ \_\_\_ and consult about a plan of action.
7. Figure out how much \_\_\_ \_\_\_ you need, and make a schedule.
8. Collect the tools and supplies that you'll \_\_\_ \_\_\_ in advance.
9. Take \_\_\_ \_\_\_ and send them to your local newspaper.
10. Thank everyone and get ideas for \_\_\_ \_\_\_ projects!