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TREASURE BOX

CORE ACTIVITY IDEAS FOR YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY

CREATE A HAVEN

"You are focused on drawing people together to build communities that are havens of unity." — Universal House of Justice

Have you ever built a tent or a fort with friends, or found a special place in nature that was your very own refuge? There's a warm feeling of happiness that bubbles up when you're in a spot that's safe and secure.

What if the whole *world* felt like that? With our

friends and neighbors, we can create communities that welcome everyone. When we play, work, and pray together, we can become true friends.

Your neighborhood may not all fit into a tent. But you can invite people to your home or another gathering place.



Try these activities to create a haven of unity.

JUGGLE JAM



Everyone stands in a circle. One person tosses a soft ball across the circle to another player. That player tosses it back to the person next to the first one. Continue around the circle, calling out names if it helps.

Practice the pattern a few times. Then add another ball and keep throwing in the same way. Add one or two more balls. You'll look like an amazing juggling machine!

UNITY ROLE PLAY



On small pieces of paper, ask everyone to write down an example of bullying or disunity (such as name-calling or excluding someone from a game).

In small teams, choose a paper and create a positive solution. Teams practice role-playing the scenario. Finally, each team acts out their scenario for everyone.

GLOBAL CLUES



Have fun playing detective. Ask guests to write down three clues that describe, but don't give away, their home country, their favorite place on the globe, or a place they dream of visiting.

Each person takes a turn giving their three clues, and the rest of the group guesses the location. The first person to guess correctly then gives his or her clues.

FLOWERS OF ONE GARDEN



Cut out a flowerpot shape from cardstock and attach it to poster board on a wall. Have scissors, markers, and crayons available. Give each person a 4" x 4" square piece of cardstock.

Ask everyone to draw any kind of flower, color it, then cut it out. Glue the flowers above the pot. On the vase, add a Bahá'í quotation about unity.

3...2...1...BLAST OFF!

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