

2010 – 2011 Community Service Packet

General Information:

Community Service is the heart of the Grange. Every program and event is a service to our Community. What your Grange chooses to do is NOT limited by the number of members or the projects you select because you have a **whole community** of people with which to work.

Each community is unique and you need to review the needs and interests of your community when selecting projects. Everything your Grange participates in, even helping with the project(s) of another “group” or individual shines a light on your Grange. The Grange should always reflect a friendly, helpful persona and be recognized as the center of the community.

At your meetings, suggest some projects, and let your members suggest some as well. Decide as a group what projects you want to pursue and keep your commitments to ongoing projects and events that are already in place.

Support the Mandy Project; P.I.C.K; Junior Grange and Youth projects; participate in the State Deaf Education project, and Family and Women’s Activities.

Involve as many members as possible. There is always something for everyone to do.

REPORT GUIDELINES

Community Service Report

This is your opportunity to shine. This is the place to tell all the Granges across the State what your Grange does for your community.

What community involved open houses does your Grange hold? What community gatherings happen at your Grange?

How do your members help the community?

The first page of this report should be the “**Community Service Report**” form included in this packet. Following the Community Service Report form, please submit a written summary of the projects and events your Grange participated in this year (Sept 1, 2010 through Aug. 31, 2011). Each project or event should be on a separate page or pages. Include one or two photos of the event or project.

Include as much information about the event/project as possible, for example: why did you choose this event/project; is this a yearly event or an ongoing project; how many people (an approximate number) attended the event or were impacted by your project/event; how many Grange members participated in the project/event? It is VERY acceptable to have both ongoing and new projects. Multiple projects are also encouraged.

If this is a new project or event for your Grange or a joint project with another organization, be sure to mention that in the body of the summary or in the title. If you wish to use graphics to “decorate your pages,” this is acceptable.

Please save your newspaper articles, other photos, flyers, etc., for the Scrapbook or Star Reports, to be entered in the Lecturer’s contests at State Grange Session.

Empty Plate Report

Feeding the hungry, helping the Fatherless and widows is something you have heard our Masters say in the closing of our meetings.

Feeding the hungry and helping others through food (after all, the Granges are known for all the food we cook), can be an ongoing project for each Subordinate Grange.

The first page of this report should be the “**Empty Plate Report**” form found in this packet. This report should be a separate report on a clearly marked or tagged section of your Community Service Report. Please submit a written summary about how your Grange filled an “Empty Plate” and include one or two pictures. (You may use the Report Form multiple times if you choose.) Did you start a community cupboard; do you have an ongoing community cupboard; did you adopt families during the holidays; did you designate your Grange as a distribution point for Angel Food or another program; do you go to a food kitchen and feed the hungry/homeless; do you sponsor Free meals at your Grange? Be sure to mention if the project(s) are new to your Grange or ongoing. It is VERY acceptable to have both ongoing and new projects. Multiple projects are also encouraged.

Helping Hands Report

The Helping Hands report is for you to keep track of your projects and your hours.

Everyone helps someone at some time. Everything you and your Grange do to help your community or individuals qualifies. Examples are: helping at Church, the Library, the Museum; helping your neighbor cut wood, fix a door, feed their pets; visiting a nursing home, a hospital, a sick friend; and time you spend at the Grange Hall for events.

Although the hours you spend doing a project are not nearly as important as the project itself, sometimes it is enlightening to see how much time you actually spend helping others. This report is the place to put those hours if you keep track.

This report should be a separate report on a clearly marked or tagged section of your Community Service Report. The Helping Hands Report Form found in this packet is a sample and can be used for each individual, or you may design your own. This report should include a list of projects/events accomplished by each individual Grange member and by community citizens who participated in your projects and events. The number of hours (estimates are accepted) spent on these projects and events should also be included.

Judging

Judges will follow these guidelines:

Projects and Events

Reports should be neat and complete.

Spelling and Grammar should be correct.

Is a separate report done for Empty Plate?

Is a separate report done for Helping Hands?

Were the report Guidelines followed?

2011 COLORADO STATE GRANGE COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT FORM

1. The Community Service Report must be received by the State Community Service Directors by SEPTEMBER 6, 2011.

Grange Name _____ Grange # _____

City, County _____ State _____ Zip _____

Chairperson's Name _____

Chairperson's Address _____ City _____

State _____, Zip _____ Telephone _____

Master's Name _____

Number of Grange Members _____

Number of Grange Members involved in projects _____

2. Please complete this form and place it as the FIRST page of your report book.
3. The Report Book Cover should indicate your state, name and number of your Grange on the outside, front cover.
4. Reports should be typed or prepared on a computer if possible.
5. Reports are judged on the projects and events.

Signature of Community Service Chairperson _____



EMPTY PLATE PROJECT 2010-2011

Grange _____

Project Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Name of Project(s) _____ Date(s) _____

(you may write your summary here, or you may write a separate report(s) that follows this page. You may use this page multiple times)

MISSION STATEMENT

GRANGE COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANGE COMMUNITY SERVICE

To Improve the Quality of Life Through Community Service

*Identify and act upon the needs and strengths of your community,
Encourage Volunteer Efforts of the Grange,
Cooperate with others for the betterment of the Community,
Build a stronger Grange membership through Volunteerism.*

Although there is no specific reference in early writings of the Founding Fathers, giving "Community Service" as a requirement for establishing a local chapter of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, improving the quality of life of their fellowmen was seen as an end result of the organization and the work of its members.

What was included in planning was aimed to advance and enrich the lives of rural people, giving them ways to personally advance and affording them the process to assist others who needed help, both within their fraternity and their community.

As the Grange was making news for its legislative activities, the service to communities and their citizens was also at work. It was a natural occurrence that Grangers helped one another, and through Grange histories we trace community service beyond the walls of our meeting places.

Many years ago, the formal "Community Service Program" was written into our outline of action toward a better life. Today's Subordinate Granges are specifically requested to participate in our Grange Community Service Program. What a wonderful way to live the principles of our order.

The Community Service Program has become a major program for the Grange. The National Grange realized the tremendous opportunities and potential influence of the Grange in the community, thus created the Community Service Department. For many years, Community Services was under the Lecturer's Department. By separating Community Service, the Grange has created opportunities to become not only a team player in the community, but a chance to be a leader in initiating programs or projects that will benefit members and non-members. Helping people who are less fortunate, bringing a smile to someone who otherwise wouldn't have a reason to smile, and assisting a person to be glad he/she is alive are excellent reasons for the Grange to be involved in Community Service.

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