



Creating the next generation of givers.

KidsGiving365 is creating the next generation of givers by making community service a way of life for young people. When children volunteer, studies show they learn kindness, respect and empathy. Kids involved in philanthropy also do better in school, and are less likely to become pregnant and try drugs.

At our events, children get to *experience* giving. They actually get to meet the child they're helping, face-to-face. That makes a lasting impact. They serve other kids who live in poverty in the Denver Housing Authority's (DHA) housing projects.

[KidsGiving365](#) is a non-profit, 501(c)3 created by three moms in 2010 who wanted to get their kids involved in community service. Our mission is to inspire life-long giving.

In September of 2017, The Denver Housing Authority presented KidsGiving365 with its *2017 Wall of Fame Outstanding Service Award*. The city of Denver honored us with its *Distinguished Service Award, 2016* for serving low-income residents more than seven years. In 2014, 2015 and 2016 [proclamations](#), the Denver City Council recognized the nonprofit for its commitment and generosity.



Get Involved

- [KidsGiving365](#) – Get ideas and see what other kids in Colorado and around the country are doing every day to help others by checking our website and [Facebook](#) pages. We'll post your children's stories and pictures to share with others!
- [Internships and/or volunteering](#)– We have jobs year-round that young people can perform to earn community service hours for school credit and resumes.
- [Back-to-School Program](#) is held in early August every year. In this program, you buy needed back-to-school supplies for low-income children, then give those supplies to the kids in person during a fun event in the housing project where they live.
- [Holiday Giving Program](#) aka *Santa's Elves* is held annually in early December. In this program, families and children or "elves" go to our website, choose an underserved child to help, and make an appointment to give that child gifts in person. Registration for Santa's Elves opens in October.



Solving Problems

Research shows volunteering and community service nationwide is at its lowest rate in 12 years.

- **KidsGiving365** creates opportunities for everyone, especially kids, to give back. Children who volunteer are more likely to continue doing so as adults. Volunteering can nurture important life skills and values in children and show them that small acts can make a big difference. Volunteering makes people happy (even toddlers) and improves the quality of life.

Studies show technology has made some kids self-absorbed and cut off from the realities of the world. In fact, young people today have 40% less empathy than previous generations.

- **KidsGiving365** teaches young people the tools and actions of philanthropy, and creates opportunities for civic engagement. Only a small percentage of schools require community service, yet studies show when kids volunteer, they develop more charitable attitudes, beliefs and behaviors. Giving time, money and talent prepares students to be innovative and reflective leaders, and good citizens. Experts say teaching children to care about others is better for them, and for us all.

Many people wonder if their time and donations make a difference, because they rarely see the results.



- On **KidsGiving365.org**, volunteers choose the underserved kids they want to help, then meet them, face-to-face. That's good, because studies show people under the age of 35 need to know their support is appreciated and that it makes an impact. Young people see things differently after engaging in meaningful, personal interactions with diverse groups, witnessing human suffering first-hand, and connecting in new ways with the environment. So, experts say the best way to recognize good work is to let children see, touch and feel their results, ideally from the person they helped.

Few nonprofits allow young children to get involved in community service.

- **KidsGiving365** allows everyone, of every age, to dig in and help. We know that volunteering teaches kids about compassion, gratitude and community responsibility. And studies show children as young as three understand and experience the benefits.

*Sources of information are available on KidsGiving365.org.

Fun Facts

- When it began in 2010, young people gave presents to 75 impoverished children. In 2016, KidsGiving365 served 2,570 children in need and engaged 7,000 people in our programs.
- We work with the DHA to identify children who live below the poverty line in places like Denver's Sun Valley neighborhood, the poorest, youngest and most neglected in Colorado.
- When asked what they need the most, the child residents say they need shoes.
- Our partners include Batteries plus Bulbs, KOOL105 Radio, Subway, Camp Bow-Wow, Key Stat Marketing, the Denver Nuggets Ambassadors and many others.
- KidsGiving365 is led by a board of directors. With the exception of one, part-time staff, it is a 100% volunteer organization.

