Here are Kids mission projects to help you make the world a better place!
Attention Disciples & UCC Kids!

Kids To Kids is an invitation. It is an invitation to YOU to join in mission leadership with hundreds of Disciples kids and United Church of Christ kids who are doing mission work across North America and around the world.

In these pages you will find not only mission projects but ideas for Bible study, prayers, songs, and fund-raising. And this is only the beginning. You are the leaders and you can add your own imagination to these pages. Write your own stories, sing your own songs. And don’t forget to share your ideas with others.

These pages are full of Kids To Kids Mission Projects. Check back often because new projects are being added all the time.
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This List is For You, because you are the leaders. You make the choices and You do the mission work. Kick back with some other members of your group and check out “The Top Ten List for Leaders.”

1. Explore.

What to do is up to You!
Look through all the Kids to Kids Mission Projects, beginning on page 19. You can also find them on the Kids to Kids web site: www.kids2kidmissions.org. (Save this site in your web browser’s favorites to see new projects and other information.) And look around your neighborhood. Where is God calling your group to serve?

2. Dream.
No limits! Have a brainstorming session. If you can imagine it, it can happen.

3. Pray.
In a few moments of quiet, lift up to God all the ideas you have dreamed up. Ask God to guide your group. Watch and listen for the ways God will lead you.

4. Talk.
Include all the members of your group. Get suggestions from adults — sponsors, ministers, parents, elders.

5. Plan.
Set goals. Make a timetable. What will you do? How cool will it be?
6. Take a deep breath.
It’s decision time. What mission is God calling you to do? Check out the Fund-Raising page for some money making ideas.

7. Dive in!
Just do it! What a difference you will make!

8. Evaluate and celebrate.
Check the Group Activities for some ideas.

9. Share your ideas.
Offer your best ideas to other UCC and Disciples Kids to Kids groups. Let’s Hear It from You!

10. Don’t stop!
Keep the giving going. Begin to plan for other Kids to Kids Projects.

You might want to keep this Top Ten List page handy. Print it out. Enlarge it. Decorate it. Add your ideas to it. Tack it to a bulletin board in your Sunday school or youth group room.
Bible Study, Prayer, and Worship

Here are some great group activities to get you going! Or if you have an idea of your own, we may be able to help you get it off the ground.

Your group may want to try this Bible study and group discussion in church school or at a youth group meeting. You may want to continue your discussion by using the prayer litany or prayer of dedication also offered in this guide. This Bible study is a good way to get kids in your church talking about Kids To Kids projects.

Read the words of Jesus from the book of Matthew:

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And, when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

—Matthew 25:37-40 NRSV

Note: These verses come from a longer story that you may want to read.
What do you think?

1. What do you think this scripture says about how we should see and relate to other people?

2. What do you think it really means to see Christ in another person? How would seeing Christ in others change the way you would act toward them?

3. What if you were a kid in need of food, shelter, clothing or other basics? How would you want others to see you? What would you want them to say to you? To do for you? To do together with you?

4. What do you think we can learn from people, especially other kids, who are in need?

5. Kids To Kids ministry, throughout North America and around the world, is helping kids who have some very basic needs. Thinking about Jesus’ words, what do you think your group might do to help kids who are in the following situations?

List all of your ideas.
(If you get stuck, look through this Leader’s Guide for help.)

Some ideas to get you started:

- A family with kids who lives down the street from your church and seems like they don’t have much money.
- Kids in India who don’t have enough to eat.
- A girl at your school who tells you her dad lost his job and she doesn’t have lunch money anymore.
- Kids who, in the future, may be affected by a sudden disaster such as a hurricane, earthquake, or terrorism.

(Note: Is there anything we can do to be instantly ready to help these kids, even though we don’t know where the next disaster might strike? What kinds of things would kids in these situations need?)

6. Do you think that helping others in need may help them come to know Jesus? Why or why not? How do you think kids in need may see Christ in you?
A Prayer Litany for Ministry

Here’s another idea you can use in a worship service, in church school, or in meetings where your group works on Kids To Kids projects. You can write a whole different litany or change this litany to make it your own creation. You can have a different kid read each “Leader” part, or have one kid read all of the “Leader” parts.

**Leader:** Loving God, in the midst of our daily lives, we remember.

**Response:** We remember, O God.

**Leader:** As we worry about waiting too long at drive-in windows, vending machines that don’t work, and stewed tomatoes in the school cafeteria.

**Response:** We remember kids who go to bed hungry each night and who have no choices about what they eat.

**Everyone:** We remember, O God.

**Leader:** As we worry about getting to stay up late, having to share our room, or needing a bigger closet to hold all of our stuff.

**Response:** We remember kids who don’t have a room, a place to sleep, or even a shelter to call home.

**Everyone:** We remember, O God.

**Leader:** We are so grateful for the spirit of God’s love that helps us to see our own worries as blessings.

**Response:** We remember kids who have no money to buy clothes, shoes, music, or toys.

**Everyone:** We remember, O God.

**Leader:** As we worry about taking out the garbage, doing the dishes, and getting into trouble for talking on the phone too long.

**Response:** We remember kids who have been abused, abandoned, or don’t have a family to call their own.

**Everyone:** We remember, O God.

**Leader:** As we worry about math homework, taking pop quizzes, and turning in science projects.

**Response:** We remember kids who don’t have a school, pencils, papers, books, or other opportunities to learn.

**Everyone:** We remember, O God.

**Leader:** Creator God, we thank you for giving us the spirit of your love, to see our own worries as blessings. As Kids To Kids united, we remember the worries and needs of others. We give thanks for our church, the promise and hope of the gospel, and the opportunity to both serve and learn from others in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Response:** As Kids To Kids, remembering, serving, and learning from others, we thank you, O God.

Amen.
A Prayer Dedication and Covenant

How about dedicating your Kids To Kids offering money, or items you have collected, with a dedication prayer during a Sunday morning worship service? You may want to seek your pastor’s help with this idea. Working with your pastor, get together and write your own prayer.

Here’s a sample to get you started:

We know we are to love one another and to give to others as we have received.

In the name of kids around the corner and across the world who are poor, hungry, homeless, abused, sick, alone, or in any kind of trouble, we the kids of (insert name of your church) and this congregation dedicate this offering out of gratefulness for God’s blessings upon our own lives and those of our families and friends.

We ask that this offering and our Kids to Kids ministry will be a blessing to others. We pray that our gifts will be messages of healing and hope in the world. We pray that as we serve and learn from our sisters and brothers in other places we come to more fully know the grace and love of Jesus.

Amen.

You may want to ask members of your church to support your Kids To Kids ministry by covenanting to pray daily for your work during a week, month, or other period of time.

- You can use a piece of poster board to create a prayer covenant board that members of your church can sign to pledge their prayerful support.
- You can get signatures during the coffee hour or right after worship outside the door of your sanctuary.
- Your prayer covenant board can be placed on a church bulletin board, as a visible reminder of your ministry and need for supportive prayers.
A Song to Sing About Kids to Kids

To the tune of Beethoven’s “Ode to Joy”

Kids to Kids, we join together,
Kids to Kids, forevermore.
As God’s children, helping others,
Sharing in one ministry.
Ever mindful of the Gospel
Jesus’ words unite our hearts.
Kids to Kids, our world is better
As we work to share Christ’s love.

From Mungeli (Mn-GAY-lee) to the U.S.,
From Camp Lion to India.
God gives us a great new vision
Of a world where kids are safe.
Some are hungry, some are frightened,
But they are kids just like us
Wanting, sharing hope and promise
In a sad and hurting world.

Kids to Kids, we join together
Knowing God will work through us.
Just one group and few in number
But we make a difference.
We learn from others, as we serve them
We build bridges as we share,
Across the world, around our corner
Kids to Kids we’re everywhere!

More Songs to Sing!
Writing song lyrics is fun. You may want to go through some hymns, find hymn tunes that aren’t copyrighted by the author, write new words, and publish a mini-hymnal for Kids to Kids. Or, you may want to think about writing Kids to Kids songs to the tunes of popular songs, kids songs, or even rap or hip-hop music.

If someone in your church has a video camera, you could even make a Kids to Kids music video and show it during coffee hour at church!
What’s Your Theme

Nifty Things to do to Raise Friends and Funds
A good idea is to try and use the same theme for your fundraisers as the projects you are working on.

Examples:

• If you are working to raise money for the children at Family Village Farm, you may want to have a back-to-school sale. At this sale, you could sell used school clothes as well as school-related supplies such as old backpacks, purses, and lunch boxes or bags.

• If you decide to work on the project to raise money for Fill the Backpack, you may want to have a backpack sale.

• If you’re trying to help the kids at All People’s Center raise money for afterschool programs, you may want to stage an art show, a jump rope contest, or a baseball game.

As you can see the possibilities are endless!
Here are some great Ways to Publicize Kids to Kids to get you going! Or if you have an idea of your own, we may be able to help you get it off of the ground.

Mobile and Signs

Lets Make a Mobile

Your Kids To Kids project logo shapes will make a great mobile. You can hang it from the ceiling in a hallway to draw attention to your ministry.

1. Cut out the Kids To Kids shapes and enlarge them on a photo copy machine.

2. Make a round ring about 12 inches wide from some heavy wire.

3. Hang the round ring from the ceiling horizontally with some heavy string or wire.

4. Attach strings to each of the shapes and hang them from the wire at differing levels, until the ring balances.

5. You can also use a coat hanger.

Signs, Signs, Everywhere

There are lots of ways to make signs and the “art smart” ideas included in the Leader’s Guide will help you. But, what about where you put your signs when they’re done?

Some places not to forget: church restrooms (where you have a really captive audience!) And your parking lot. Be creative and think about where people in your church tend to gather and talk.
Sandwich Board

(Hint: It’s Not Something You Eat)

If you’ve watched a lot of old movies or TV sitcoms, you’ve probably seen lots of sandwich board signs. These are large signs that you wear, with a message on the front and back. You may want to make a sandwich board or two and have members of your group wear them around between church school and church.

Here’s how to do it.

1. Go to an art or office supply store and buy sheets of foam board. You’ll want two large sheets for every person you plan to dress as a Kids To Kids symbol—one for the front of the person, and one for the back.

2. Use an overhead projector to enlarge and draw the symbols onto tissue paper that you can then transfer to the foam board.

3. Color or paint the symbols. Be creative! You may want to use things like glitter or ribbon, too.

4. Fasten two boards together at the top with some rope or wire, leaving room for someone to stick their head through. The idea is to create a hole where the person can put the two boards over their head and then balance both a front and back board on their shoulders.

Banners

Worship banners are a great way to call attention to Kids To Kids ministry. You can make them and hang them in your sanctuary, march in with them during a special worship service, or hang them in hallways or in your church school room.

Here are some ideas for making banners

1. Go to a fabric or craft store and buy fabric in bright colors

2. Buy fabric paints, glitter, colorful ribbons or cords, sequins, beads, and other accents to decorate banners

3. Use the clip art from the Mission Projects pages to make patterns and enlarge them. Use these patterns, create variations on them, or invent patterns of your own. (Don’t forget to send us a photo when you’re finished!)
A skit can be a great way to draw attention to your Kids to Kids ministry

**TV Show**

To help get you started in creating your own silly skit, here are some ideas:

1. Think of a popular television commercial and write your own version of it. Ask your pastor if you can do your commercial during a worship service announcement time.

   For example: An announcer says, “Hey, Jane Doe or John! You’ve just won the Boston Marathon, the NBA playoffs, American Idol, and the Publisher’s Sweepstakes in one day. What are you going to do now?” The character says, “I’m going to help Kids To Kids. How about you?” The announcer then offers a “pitch” for the type of help or support your group needs.

2. Have someone in your group pretend to be a news reporter who gives a report about your incredible ministry.

3. Take a popular game show, get some volunteer contestants and turn it into a game to educate persons in your church about Kids To Kids ministry.

4. Pretend that a group of you are sitting on an airplane or bus and talking about all of the places you are going, relating them to Kids To Kids projects.

   For example, one person says, “Yes, I’m on my way to the Family Village Farm in Katpadi (Kut-pa-DEE), India. Children there are in need of school supplies, clothes, and shoes, you know, and the church really needs to help.” End with a tag line that says something like, “You can go with us as we go out to serve the world in the name of Christ. Help support Kids To Kids by giving your prayers, time, and money. Thank you!”
Other Skit Ideas

Here are two simple skit ideas you can easily adapt to the Kids To Kids projects you’re promoting. The second one provides a way to collect gifts of money for your project during church or church school.

Growing a Kids to Kids Garden

Props Needed:
A flower planter partially filled with dirt and a small garden shovel.

Characters Needed:
Two—one to be the Gardener and one to be the Gardener’s Friend. (Scene opens with the Gardener digging in the dirt, as though he/she is preparing to plant something.)

The Gardener’s Friend enters.

Gardener’s Friend: Hi! What are you doing?

Gardener: Oh, not much…it’s just that in church school this week we talked about how we have fertile ground at our church for growing Kids To Kids ministry. So, I just thought I’d go ahead and start getting some of our ground ready.

Gardener’s Friend: Wait a minute! That’s not what we meant.

Gardener: How’s that?

Gardener’s Friend: We don’t grow Kids To Kids ministry by actually planting something in the ground! We grow it by our group joining with other UCC and Disciples kids church wide. We grow it by connecting with kids across North America, and around the world, who need our love and help. And, our church has fertile ground because, not only do we have a great group of energetic, spirit-filled kids, we have lots of great adults here who will support us in this ministry.

Gardener: So, we don’t need to plant anything after all?

Gardener’s Friend: We’ll be planting seeds of action, commitment to the Gospel, and the love of God in our world. (Here, you’ll want to describe the Kids To Kids project(s) your group is working on and what help is needed from your congregation.),

Gardener: (picking up the flower planter and shovel) Well, I guess we won’t need this ground prepared after all. Sounds like we have lots bigger ground to cover with Kids To Kids! Let’s get started!

(Both characters exit. At this point, your pastor or an announcer can make a follow-up announcement about whatever help or support is needed from your congregation for Kids To Kids.)
Kids Make
Our World
Complete

This skit is a visual exercise that would be good to do during a minute for mission at a worship service or a congregational dinner. You can involve as many or as few people as you want in this skit, depending on the size of your room. The purpose of this skit is to ask for help from your entire congregation for your Kids To Kids project(s).

Announcer: (from your Kids To Kids group)

Good morning! I’m here with several of our church youth who are involved with a special ministry called Kids To Kids. We’d like to talk about this ministry with the help of some of you adults here in our congregation. Could some adults come forward and volunteer to help us for a moment?

Note: The idea here is to stretch a line of people, touching outstretched hands, from:

- One wall of your church to another or
- From the front door to the communion table or
- In a circle, completely around your sanctuary. The approach you use will depend on the size of your church and your congregation.

When your volunteers come forward, have each kid in your group stand between two adults. When your line is completed, you should have an unbroken chain of people—adult, kid, adult touching outstretched hands.

Announcer:

We now have a human chain completely connecting us from (insert your two connecting points here). At this point, I’d like to ask the adults to remain in place and our kids to take one step forward.

(Pause while this happens.)
Announcer:
As you can see, without the connection of our church’s kids, we aren’t a whole and complete church. Likewise, our ministry of Kids to Kids is about our church’s kids, joining with UCC and Disciples kids throughout North America, and linking up to create a complete connection throughout the world making it a more whole and united world in the spirit of the Gospel. Right now, in our Kids To Kids group, we’re working to... (Here, you briefly explain your Kids To Kids project(s) But, we can’t do this alone. Could the adults now take one step forward and rejoin the connection with our kids?
(Pause while this happens.)

Announcer:
We need each other’s help here to complete our connection and move forward as a whole congregation. Our Kids To Kids ministry needs the help of each and every person in this church as we reach out and join with other UCC and Disciples Kids to touch the whole world. You can help us by (here, you briefly ask for the help/support you need from your congregation). As you can see, it takes both kids and adults to make our church complete. And, it will take the connection of UCC and Disciples Kids and adults everywhere to help Kids To Kids really make a difference in our huge world. Won’t you make that connection with us today? Thank you for your help.
Get your whole church and community involved by staging a giant contest and fund-raiser. Think about some of the kids games you have played and how you could get large numbers of people involved in a special event involving these games.

How about staging the World’s Largest Musical Chairs Game?

• Participants pay a fee to enter.
• The game is played as usual, except – with dozens or even hundreds of persons playing – you need lots of volunteers to take away bunches of chairs each time and also help as judges and registrants.
• The prize for the last person remaining is – what else?– a chair!
• You can probably get a very nice reclining chair donated by a local furniture store. Or, you might get someone in your church to donate one.
• You can also probably get a local radio station to help you by providing music and/or an announcer and sound system for the event. If the weather is good, hold your event outdoors to get lots of attention. And, don’t forget to alert the news media.

You’ve heard of Walk-A-Thons and Running Events... How about holding a Bicycle or Tricycle-A-Thon?

You can charge an entry fee and even give prizes for the best decorated bikes or trikes.
How about staging a parade to honor kids everywhere?

Draw attention to your projects, and collect gifts for your Kids To Kids ministry. Invite other churches, schools, and kid-related organizations to participate. Have an entry fee and offer prizes for the best decorated entries.

Eating Events are always fun as fund-raisers

Some ideas:

• An ice cream buffet; an international dinner (drawing upon food ideas where Kids To Kids ministry is taking place): an after-church brunch, with your group serving up bacon, eggs, and other goodies; a chocolate festival (where everything is chocolate!).

• And what about having a bake sale!

• Also—how about setting up a drive-in restaurant in your church parking lot one summer night and serving up burgers, fries, shakes, and root beer? Members of your group can wait on customers at their car windows. You may want to give your event a 1950’s or 60’s feeling by playing music from that era and dressing like old-time, drive-in waiters and waitresses.

Looking for a really different idea?

• Get an international cookbook at the library and find a recipe for fortune cookies.

• Type messages asking for help for your Kids To Kids ministry and bake the messages inside the cookies.

• Distribute the cookies during coffee hour at your church.
Fashion This!

Hold a Kids To Kids rummage sale.
• Clean out your closets, sell your old stuff, and use the profits to support your ministry.
• For special information on how to do this:
  phone: (434) 832-1119
  email: kids2kids@dhm.disciples.org

Now We’re Cooking!

Create a Kids To Kids cookbook and sell it. You may want to include recipes from some of the places you’ll be helping through your ministry.

Something For Something.

What could you do without to help someone else?
• You could buy another new dress or a pair of jeans for yourself... or help kids in India.
• You could give up one of your birthday gifts and send money to help buy a musical instrument for a child in Appalachia.
• You could buy another stuffed animal for yourself... or help kids attending Camp Lion.
• You could go out for Friday night pizza with your friends... or give that up one Friday a month and instead help kids locally or globally who need food.

Small Change Adds Up!

A good way to get small change (that really adds up!) contributed for your projects.
• Decorate coffee cans, potato chip cans, and other types of cans using Kids To Kids symbols and art work.
• Place the cans in places where people might have a tendency to contribute their change – near vending machines, in the church narthex (lobby), at church coffee hours, lunches, and dinners.
For logos and images to use in your Fund-Raising check out the Art Smart page on the website.

www.kids2kidsmissions.org
Mary Luz is a young Colombian woman who works with a women’s organization that is dedicated to promoting peace in all areas of Colombia. One part of Mary Luz’s work is with families who come to prisons to visit family members. She loves children and she is very concerned about the children who come to prisons to visit their relatives. Some of these children are very poor. Their families may have had to move many times because of violence right in their villages. Often they are hungry and need new clothing when they visit the prisons. They are worried and they are sad. Mary Luz does everything she can to meet their basic needs and to relieve their worry and sadness.

Every year she puts on a huge Christmas party. Sometimes more than 500 children come to this party. She plans other parties as well. Mary Luz is very good at coming up with excuses to have parties! When the children find out that the parties are for them, they smile. For at least a little while, they are safe. They eat, they play, they open their presents of toys and clothes. They are so happy that they don’t even care that some of the presents are clothes!
What you can do:

Learn more about Global Mission Projects in Colombia
http://globalministries.org/lac/countries/colombia/

Pray for the children who come to prisons to visit their relatives.

Raise money to help Mary Luz give Smile Parties!

- $10 provides money for one Smile Party.
- $50 provides clothing and toy gifts for the yearly Christmas party.
- $100 provides emergency supplies of food and clothing for a whole year.

How to Donate:

Send Money donations to:
KIDS to KIDS - Smile Parties
P.O. Box 1986
Indianapolis, IN 46206-1986

Please make out checks to KIDS to KIDS.
Note on check that this is a donation for Smile Parties

Let’s Hear From You!

Tell us what you have been up to.

email: kids2kids@dhm.disciples.org
phone: (434) 832-1119
web: www.kids2kidsmissions.org
Fill out the form on the Let’s Hear From You page.
Family Village Farm was started in 1969 by Dr. Pauline King in a village called Katpadi (Kut-pa-DEE), India. Many of the children who come to the Family Village Farm are from extremely poor families who cannot afford to support them. Some of the children are orphans. They have no parents and no other family member who can take care of them. The children at Family Village Farm live in cottages with adults who take care of them. These adults care for the children just like their own parents and grandparents would do, if they could.

The Family Village Farm children go to school every day. Some of them walk and others ride buses to school. They love to play volleyball, basketball, climb on jungle gyms, jump rope and play other games together. They love to dance and sing. They like to do many of the same things that you like to do. They also help take care of their homes and they do their homework. Just like you!

As the children grow they learn how to tend crops and fruit trees. They are taught to cook and to sew. Some children help to make their own school uniforms. When the children are older they may go to college or they may stay at Family Village Farm and help to run the Family Village Farm bakery.
What you can do:

Learn more about the Family Village Farm.
www.globalministries.org/sasia/countries/india/pauline-king-corner.html

Pray for the children who live at Family Village Farm.

Raise money to send to Family Village Farm.
• $10 provides school books for one child for one year.
• $20 provides clothes and shoes for one child for one year.
• $50 helps to provide food for one Family Village Farm cottage.
• $100 provides a sink, toilet or shower for one of the new cottage.

Sponsor a child.
• This is an ongoing responsibility.
• It costs $30 a month to sponsor a child living at the Family Village Farm.
• You can find out more about the Child Sponsorship program by contacting:

  Linda Lawrence
  lawrencI@ucc.org
  216-736-3222

  www.globalministries.org/get-involved/child-sponsorship/

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Lighthouses help ships find their way to safe harbors. They help ships avoid rocks, sandbars and other dangers. The Deep Griha (Gree-HAH) Society, which means lighthouse, tries to be a light in the darkness for children and their families. You can help to make that lighthouse light shine even brighter!

The Deep Griha Society works with children who live in very poor neighborhoods called slums. These slums are in and near Pune (PUN-ah), India. Deep Griha provides safe places for children to have fun and learn as well as get healthy food to eat and see a doctor when they need to. It all began with one small pharmacy in 1975, but now the Deep Griha Society has a staff of over 130 doctors, nurses, teachers, and social workers. Many of the children who come to Deep Griha programs have lost one or both of their parents. They are cared for by other family members who are very poor. Sometimes the families are so poor that even the children have to get jobs so there will be food to eat, clothes to wear and shelter from bad weather.
What you can do:

Learn more about the Deep Griha Society
www.deepgriha.org/

Pray for the children who come to Deep Griha.

Raise money to help Deep Griha care for children:

• $10 provides school supplies for one child for one year.
• $20 provides eggs for many children to have the daily protein they need.
• $50 provides a new crib for an infant.

How to Donate:

Send Money donations to:
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P.O. Box 1986
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The Mungeli (Mn-GAY-lee) Hospital was started over 100 years ago to help meet the medical needs of people in a very poor area of India. Lots of rice farmers and their families live in this part of India. All of these families work very hard but still they don’t always have enough money to take their children to the doctor when they are sick or injured; or when they have a toothache; or when they need a shot to protect them from diseases such as measles, mumps and chicken pox. The Mungeli Hospital treats children whether or not their families have money to pay.

Dr. Anil Henry, a Global Ministries Missionary at the Mungeli Hospital, says there are lots of ways that you can help the kids who come to Mungeli Hospital.
What you can do:

Learn more about Mungeli Hospital by doing a search of the Global Ministries website
www.globalministries.org

Pray for the kids and their families who come to Mungeli Hospital.

Pray for the doctors and nurses who are there to help them.

Raise money or take up a donation for Mungeli Hospital.

In India, families provide the meals for their hospitalized family members. Many of the poorer families have trouble finding the money to buy healthy food for their sick children. And children need really healthy food to get well quickly.

• Eight pennies makes it possible for a family to buy extra rice and lentils to add to their child’s daily meals.
• Twenty pennies makes it possible for a family to buy a whole meal for their child.

Money donations will also help provide:

• Shots so kids won’t get measles, mumps, and chicken pox.
• Treatment for bites from stray dogs or monkeys, snakes or scorpions.
• Annual dental check-up, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

How to Donate:

Send Money donations to:
KIDS to KIDS - Ouch
P.O. Box 1986
Indianapolis, IN 46206-1986

Please make out checks to KIDS to KIDS. Note on check that this is a donation for Ouch.

Let’s Hear From You!

Tell us what you have been up to.
email: kids2kids@dhm.disciples.org
phone: (434) 832-1119
web: www.kids2kidmissions.org
Fill out the form on the Let’s Hear From You page.
Thousands of refugee and immigrant kids come to the United States and Canada each year. Most arrive with little more than the clothes on their backs. They come with their families who are escaping dangerous situations in other countries or who are trying to find a way to earn enough income to support their families. Can you imagine having to leave your home and your friends to travel thousands of miles away with less than you could carry in your backpack?

Disciples and UCC church members welcome refugee and immigrant families in many ways. Some refugee and immigrant families come by plane and are welcomed by their church sponsors or their relatives at airports. Some come by boat arriving off the coast of Florida and are welcomed by Church World Service. Some cross the Texas/Mexico border and are welcomed by Southwest Good Samaritans Ministries.

There are many things that you can do to help welcome refugee and immigrant children.

**What you can do:**

Learn about refugees and immigrants.
http://www.discipleshomemissions.org/pages/RIMKidstoKidsFilltheBackpackMenu

Pray for all the children and families who have to leave their homes because of danger or poverty.

Read a refugee or immigrant story on our website.
Make cards, write letters, draw pictures to welcome refugee kids.
  • Your gifts will be forwarded on to organizations and sponsors who welcome refugee families.

Host a party for immigrant kids in your community.
  • Both UCC and Disciples Kids can send welcome cards, letters and pictures and money gifts to:
    Kids to Kids
    P.O. Box 1986
    Indianapolis, IN 46206-1986

Fill backpacks
  • You can fill backpacks with things that you think kids, who are refugees, will need in their new homes. Consider things such as school supplies, clothes, toys and books (in Spanish if possible).
  • Send filled backpacks directly to:
    Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries
    28259 Pereira Compassion Road
    Los Fresnos, TX 78566
    or
    Church World Service
    Immigration & Refugee Program
    1924 NW 84th Avenue
    Building 10, Beacon Center
    Doral, FL 33126

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Indianapolis, IN 46206-1986

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When disasters strike — such as earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, or even war — the United Church of Christ One Great Hour of Sharing and Disciples Week of Compassion are there with help PRONTO! When help is needed in the first few hours of a crisis — before special offerings can be taken or other social service and government organizations have time to respond — your READY, SET, GO donations will be there to help provide emergency supplies and assistance for kids and their families.
What you can do:

Learn about

One Great Hour of Sharing (UCC Congregations)
Susan M. Sanders
sanderss@ucc.org
216-736-3210
700 Prospect Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44115

Week of Compassion (Disciples Congregations)
Amy Gopp
agopp@woc.disciples.org
317-713-2450
130 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Pray for the victims of disasters, locally and globally, and the persons who serve them.

Prepare Church World Service Kits

• http://www.churchworldservice.org/site/PageServer?pagename=kits_main
• Be sure to follow ALL of the instructions for putting kits together and for mailing the kits.

How to Donate:

Send Money donations to:
KIDS to KIDS - One Great Hour of Sharing or Week of Compassion
P.O. Box 1986
Indianapolis, IN 46206-1986

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Note on check that this is a donation for One Great Hour of Sharing or Week of Compassion.

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web: www.kids2kidsmissions.org
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Growing up is not easy and sometimes kids in their teen years need a little extra help. With this Kids to Kids Project you get a chance to offer some teenagers a Helping Hand.

Charles Hall Youth Services helps teenagers who need foster care. They are not old enough to be on their own, and they either don’t have parents or cannot live with their parents for all sorts of reasons. These teenagers live in special homes at Charles Hall Youth Services in Bismarck, North Dakota. Here they get lots of love and care.

It is important to stay busy when you are a teenager. Teenagers need creative things to do like acting in plays, dancing, painting, playing musical instruments and singing. Doing these creative activities helps them feel better about themselves. These activities are also excellent ways for them to make new friends, learn new skills, and just have a good time.

Perhaps God is calling you to give teenagers a Helping Hand by helping the staff of Charles Hall Youth Services buy supplies for some fun, creative activities. Who knows? You just might need a helping hand when you become a teenager.
What you can do:

To learn more about how Charles Hall Youth Services and the teens who live there.
www.charleshallyouthservices.com

Pray for Charles Hall teens and their families.

Raise money to help buy musical instruments and art supplies.
If you have questions email:
gayla.sherman@charleshallyouthservices.com

How to Donate:

Send Money donations to:
KIDS to KIDS - Helping Hands
P.O. Box 1986
Indianapolis, IN 46206-1986

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web: www.kids2kidsmissions.org
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Over 150 years ago Brooklawn Child & Family Services began taking care of kids who lost their parents. Way back then Brooklawn was called an orphanage. Today Brooklawn is a safe and loving place for kids to go whose problems are so big that they can no longer live at home. Boys and girls, as young as 6 years old, come to live at Brooklawn. Some of these kids have been abused or neglected. Some come to Brooklawn with very few clothes, toys or school supplies. More than 125 kids currently live at Brooklawn in Louisville KY. There are really good doctors, counselors, teachers and volunteers at Brooklawn who are helping these boys and girls. Many adults in United Church of Christ congregations have been helping the staff of Brooklawn take care of kids for a very long time. Now you can help them too!

**What you can do:**

**Learn more about Brooklawn Child & Family Services**

www.brooklawn.net

For more information about Brooklawn Child and Family Services contact:

Mike Schultz
mschultz@brooklawn.net
502-515-0470

Pray for the kids who live at Brooklawn.

Pray for their families.

Pray for the adults who care for them.
Donate welcome basket items.
To make children feel more comfortable when first coming to Brooklawn, the staff and other kids (who are already living at Brooklawn) give them a “Welcome Basket” that is filled with things to make them feel more at home. Imagine how much better they will feel with a special teddy bear to hold or a soft blanket to curl up in at night.

You can fill a “Welcome Basket” by donating the following items:
- A Stuffed Animal (new)
- A Mini (4x6) Photo Album
- A Blanket (maybe you and some adults from your church could make a comfort quilt. Directions for comfort quilts can be found at www.discipleshomemissions.org/pages/FCM-ComfortQuilts)
- Hygiene Products like deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, combs, picks, etc.
- Small Snacks
- A Poster
- A Stress Ball
- Coloring Book and Crayons
- Puzzles

Raise money or take up a donation for Brooklawn Child and Family Services:
Have a fund raiser or collect an offering and send money so that the Brooklawn staff can buy some of the many other things that kids need when they are living away from home.

How to Donate:
Send “Welcome Basket” items to:
Brooklawn Child and Family Services
2125 Goldsmith Lane
Louisville, KY 40218

Send Money donations to:
KIDS to KIDS - Welcome
P.O. Box 1986
Indianapolis, IN 46206-1986

Please make out checks to KIDS to KIDS.
Note on check that this is a donation for Welcome.

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There are many summer camp experiences – church camps, sports camps, Boy Scout and Girl Scout camps, computer camps. The list goes on and on. I wonder what kind of camp you like to attend?

There are lots and lots of kids who would like to go to camp but their parents can’t afford to send them. Some of these kids live in big cities and have never been out in the woods. They live in places where there are very few trees. They may not have ever climbed a tree.

At the DuBois (pronounced “DoBoai”) Center, a UCC church camp in southern Illinois, kids from big cities get to learn about God’s love while they take hikes, swim, paddle canoes, climb trees, hug trees, and even ride horses! They get to make crafty things and sit around camp fires roasting marshmallows and singing silly camp songs.

The staff of the DuBois Center, many of whom are volunteers, are committed to providing the very best Christian camp experience they can. They do not want to turn away one single child. However, sometimes they have to because there is not enough money for scholarships. You can help the staff of the DuBois Center give kids a chance to spend time in a loving community where they can be safe and play outdoors, experience God’s creation, do a little tree climbing, and make life-long friends.
What you can do:

Learn more about DuBois Center
www.duboiscenter.org

Pray for the staff and volunteers that they are able to give every child a safe and fun camp experience.

Pray for the big city kids who want to come to the DuBois Center and experience God’s beautiful creation.

Send supplies:

• Health Stuff - band aids, triple antibiotic ointment, calamine lotion, antiseptic wipes.
• Play Stuff - playground balls, beach balls, and water toys.
• Craft Stuff - tempera paints, scissors, glue, beads, embroidery thread, markers, craft sticks.

Raise money for:

• Camp Scholarships
  $385 will send one kid to camp for one full week of tree hugging.
• Care of the horses
  $20 will provide care for one horse for one week.

How to Donate:

Send Stuff directly to:
DuBois Center
2651 Quarry Rd.
DuBois, IL 62831

Send Money donations to:
KIDS to KIDS - Go Climb a Tree
P.O. Box 1986
Indianapolis, IN 46206-1986

Please make out checks to KIDS to KIDS.
Note on check that this is a donation for Go Climb a Tree.

Let’s Hear From You!

Tell us what you have been up to.

email:  kids2kids@dhm.disciples.org
phone:  (434) 832-1119
web:  www.kids2kidsmissions.org

Fill out the form on the Let’s Hear From You page.
All Peoples Christian Center is in the middle of an area of Los Angeles, California where families have little money. Kids in the neighborhood come to All Peoples for many different reasons. They may need help with problems at home or at school. Sometimes they come because All Peoples is a safe place to hangout and have a good time talking with friends and doing fun activities. Many kids come to the after-school program so they can get help with their homework and in some cases, help with learning English.

Your donations of supplies and money will really “add up” for the kids at All Peoples Christian Center.
What you can do:

Learn more about All Peoples Christian Center, an important mission of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
www.allpeoplescc.org

Pray for kids who come to All Peoples Christian Center.

Have a program about All Peoples Christian Center and invite some adults to come and learn with you.

Collect and send supplies for art, school and physical activities.
Think about the kinds of things you like and need as you decide what to send to the kids at All Peoples. Here is a list of some things suggested by the staff of All Peoples Christian Center:

- **Arts and crafts supplies** such as markers, construction paper, and glue.
- **School supplies** such as small calculators, pencils, paper, and erasers.
- **Disposble cameras, balls, jump ropes and outdoor chalk.**

Raise money or take up a donation for All Peoples Christian Center.

How to Donate:

Send supply donations directly to:
Attention: Julio Ramos
All Peoples Christian Center
822 E. 20th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90011

Send Money donations to:
KIDS to KIDS - Your Help Adds Up
P.O. Box 1986
Indianapolis, IN 46206-1986

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web: www.kids2kidsmissions.org
Fill out the form on the Let’s Hear From You page.
Kentucky Appalachia Ministry (KAM) is a mission center of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). KAM is teaming up with Cowan Creek Mountain Music School to help children and teens learn to play traditional mountain instruments. Cowan Creek School is located at the foot of Pine Mountain near Whitesburg, Kentucky. This school serves children and families in an area of Kentucky that is very poor. The school has year-round activities, such as music classes, day camps and tutoring, for children whose families cannot afford such activities. KAM is also involved with other organizations in the Kentucky Mountains that are using music to help kids discover their heritage and simply have some fun!

Music is a wonderful way to help girls and boys in Appalachia say “YES” to who they are and where they live. Mountain music includes many different kinds of music. Appalachian kids have fun singing mountain folk songs, learning a Cherokee Indian dance, or just listening to other kids play traditional music. These may be things you like to do as well. No matter where you live (Perhaps you too live in the Appalachian Mountains.), you can encourage kids through KAM JAM.

What you can do:

Learn more about KAM
www.kentuckyappalachianministry.com

Pray that music will help kids in Appalachia hold onto their heritage.
In Appalachia, music making is something many families enjoy doing together.

Listen to some Appalachian music
Send musical supplies:
- Guitar, Banjo and Mandolin Strings - $12 per set (approximately)
- Violin Strings - $35 per set (Get help from a music teacher or musician in your church so that you pick really good strings.)
- Guitar and Banjo Straps - $10
- Tuners - $20

Raise money:
- To help KAM purchase whatever supplies they need to keep KAM JAM going.
- New and good used instruments are what KAM JAM needs the most and they know where to find the best deals.
- E-mail KAM at lon@ccinky.net to find out the prices for new and used instruments. Wouldn’t it be great to know that you provided a banjo that a boy or girl will enjoy for a lifetime!

Send letters that share stories about you and where you live. Tell us what kinds of music you like.

Purchase the KAM CD
- “Stay Awhile” for $10.00 to give to your friends as gifts.
- This is a CD of traditional mountain music recorded by some of the best musicians we know.
- Best of all 100% of all sales goes directly to KAM’s programs for children.

How to Donate:

Send Letters and Music Supplies to:
Lon Oliver
KAM
206 Chestnut Street
Berea, KY 40403

Send Money donations to:
KIDS to KIDS - Kam Jam
P.O. Box 1986
Indianapolis, IN 46206-1986

Please make out checks to KIDS to KIDS.
Note on check that this is a donation for Kam Jam.

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web: www.kids2kidsmissions.org
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Sometimes there are families who do not have enough money to buy the many things that newborn babies need. They don’t have money for a baby crib or a new car seat. They might not even have enough money for diapers. If you have ever been around newborn babies you know they sleep a lot and they use a lot of diapers! There are also babies who are born too early and have to spend extra days in the hospital. Some babies are born with health problems and need all kinds of extra attention. All of these babies are called “at-risk babies.” You can be there for these newborn at-risk babies and their families. You can help in big and small ways.

**What you can do:**

Learn about the many ways the Newborns in Need Program helps babies and their families.

www.newbornsinneed.org

There are Newborns in Need Chapters all over the United States. There could be one right in your hometown! If you can’t find one ask how you can start one in your community. Contact us at: nationaloffice@newbornsinneed.org.

Pray for all newborn babies, their families and all the people who help to care for them.

Send a “Thank You” note to Pfafftown Christian Church in Pfafftown, North Carolina for donating office space for the National Office of Newborns in Need.

The church address is the same as the Newborns in Need National Office address.

Put together “Newborn Kits”

In each kit, include a small, very soft blanket (from 29”-36”), a hat, booties, a sweater and a sleeper or gown. Put items for each “Newborn Kit” inside a cloth bag or a large ziplock bag. You can make or buy these items. Maybe there’s a knitting group in your church who can teach you to knit and help your Kids to Kids group make the baby items.
Make “Comfort Quilts”

www.discipleshomemissions.org/pages/FCM-ComfortQuilts

Perhaps there is a quilting group in your church who can help.

Register to participate in the Largest Baby Shower on the Planet.

Send your name and address to kidstokids@newbornsinneed.org to be a Newborns in Need Shower Ambassador. Anyone can hold a shower for NIN and babies all over the country will be warm and snug because of your love for them. Let’s see how many showers we can have all over the country in February 2011!! We will send you your baby shower kit in January. You can raise funds or collect needed baby items such as:

- Cloth and disposable diapers
- sleepers/gowns
- socks/booties
- receiving blankets
- fleece or crocheted blankets
- pacifiers
- burp cloths
- washcloths and baby towels
- soft toys
- crib sheets
- Baby shampoo/powder/lotion
- Baby bottles

How to Donate:

Send all collected item donations to:

The closest Newborns in Need Chapter. You will find a map with listings of all chapters at www.newbornsinneed.org.

If there is not a Newborns in Need Chapter near you, send collected items to:

Newborns in Need
National Office
3323 Transou Road
Pfafftown, NC 27040

Send Money donations to:

KIDS To KIDS - Shake it, Baby!
P.O. Box 1986
Indianapolis, IN 46206-1986

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What’s going on in your own church... your own neighborhood... your own community?

Are there kids who need your help?

This is your chance to make a difference close to home. Come up with your own ideas to help kids in your city or town, pray about it and then do it!

What you can do:

Pray for God’s guidance.

Take a look around.

Talk with your minister,
Sunday school teacher, parents or other adults about kids in your hometown who might need your help. Let them help you make a contact.

Make a specific commitment to meet a need of kids in your community.

Be ready to learn from those you are helping.

Let’s Hear From You!

Let the Kids to Kids Office know about your “You Spy” project. We will share your project with other UCC and Disciples Congregations.

email: kids2kids@dhm.disciples.org
phone: (434) 832-1119
web: www.kids2kidsmissions.org

Fill out the form on the Let’s Hear From You page.
If you decide to raise money, the form below can be used to tell Kids To Kids where you would like your gifts sent. You can copy this form and use it as many times as you like.

Name of Your Group ____________________________________________

Adult Leader’s Name __________________________________________

Congregation __________________________________________________

Address ______________________________________________________

City/State/Zip _________________________________________________

Phone ________________________________________________________

We are making a donation in the amount of ______________ for the following Kids To Kids project ____________________________________________

Send with your check to:
Kids to Kids Office
P.O. Box 1986
Indianapolis, IN 46206-1986

Your whole donation will be forwarded to the mission project that you have designated. Unlike other charities, KIDS to KIDS does not use any of your donation to help cover administrative costs.