Look around your school and your community. Speak to your teachers and your families. Where can you use your talents to make a difference?

**Are there local “treasures” that are not being valued?**
- The stream that runs near you school might be polluted.
- The skateboard rink might be vandalized.
- The oval on which you want to play sport might be dug up by motor bike wheels.

**Are there organizations that need supporting?**
- The bush fire brigade might need more young members.
- Your PCYC might run excellent programs, but not enough students might know about them.

**Are there groups in your community that need assistance?**
- Are there enough access ways for people with disabilities? How can you help?
- Do you believe that too many people in your community are not health-conscious enough – smoking, drinking too much, not exercising enough, not eating healthy food? How can you help?
- Are there enough safe recreation areas - places for teenagers, areas for young mothers to meet and socialize, or interesting activities for the elderly? How can you help?
Would a TTT theme for your school be the best idea?

By choosing a theme for your school, students could use their talents to develop a variety of projects that they really enjoy. Themes might include the environment, health in the community, the poor, etc. Then different groups of students could choose projects connected to this theme. For example:

**Theme: The elderly**

**Project Ideas:**

- Meeting with residents in an aged facility, spending time talking to them and writing their life’s history.
- Taking photos of the elderly and digitally enhancing them to really represent that person’s life; or painting portraits of the elderly.
- Making a book from the stories that students have written and the pictures of the elderly that students have taken or painted, and presenting a copy to each resident in the centre.
- Elderly people like being involved in fun activities – some students could develop a game that they specially design for the aged, and then have fun playing it with them!
- Have an inter-active concert – one where the elderly join in - playing instruments, singing and dancing with students from the school.
- Conduct “pampering sessions” where you paint residents’ nails, put on make-up, do their hair – perhaps you might prepare a delicious afternoon tea to share with them.
- Become an IT tutor – teach the elderly how to use the internet, how to email their families, etc. Then perhaps conduct a fund-raising event to buy a couple of computers especially for the elderly residents to use.

Do you want to raise funds to support communities overseas?

- 25 cents – can provide 1 dose of vaccine to immunize a child against polio.
- $20.88 – provides 2 long-lasting insecticidal mosquito nets, protecting families from malaria – every 30 seconds an African child dies of malaria.
- $34.82 – is the cost of a double-sided chalkboard, 2 chalkboard dusters, 100 white chalk sticks and 100 coloured chalk sticks, providing a teacher with basic tools to teach a class.

**What do you feel passionate about? Where can you make a difference?**

**Start researching! Read the newspapers. Watch the news. Look up the internet. Talk to people.**

**Speak to your teachers**

Your teachers might have some wonderful ideas about how you can learn your schoolwork while AT THE SAME TIME contributing to the common good. It is called “service-learning” – where you achieve service goals while achieving learning goals.
Describe your project and what you want to achieve.

Project Name/Theme:

Project Description/Project Ideas for this Theme:

What do you hope to achieve and how will this make a difference – what are the service goals?

We can learn from everything we do; what do you want to learn from this project – what are your learning goals?

Briefly describe the steps that need to be taken to achieve your service goals.

Briefly describe the steps that need to be taken to achieve your learning goals.