

Dear Deaf Activities/Community Service Chairperson:

Greeting from the State Deaf Activities/Community Service Committee. Many thanks to all the Granges that sent donations in the past year. Your donations, along with monetary donations collected at Family Festival and State Session, was given to the following organizations: Easter Seals, Scranton School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Dogs for the Deaf. As you will read below, the state committee has decided to continue to collect monetary donations to sponsor an autism dog. It takes thousands of dollars to fully sponsor a dog, so we decided as a group we wanted to continue that task this year. Last year we collected monetary donations totaling over \$3500 for all of our projects. About \$2500 of this was put towards our autism dog sponsorship which we continue to build onto this year. Thanks again!!

The PA Grange Department of Deaf Activities and Community Service strives to help communities around the state. Although we are encouraging Granges to do local community service projects we also work together at the state level to complete larger projects.

The money that we receive from this appeal and throughout the year will be used to pay for prizes at State Grange and for donations to various charitable organizations. If your grange knows of a worthwhile project in your community that the State Grange Committee could donate to, please contact one of the committee members.

Our projects for Family festival include: Birthday bags and continuing to raise funds to sponsor an Autism service dog. We will be collecting items to be put together for birthday bags. See attached list. On Saturday morning there will be a Bike/Hike around the fairgrounds. Money from this will be donated to sponsor an Autism dog. Prizes will be awarded to those that walk the most laps and bike the most laps. There will also be an award for the individual that has the most money donated. We are asking that all money be given to us at the Family Festival. We will also be doing cake walks on Friday and Saturday night.

This year at State Grange Session we will be focusing on collecting items for a local food bank and school for the deaf. We will be collecting items for the Gleaners Food Bank and items for the Western PA School for the Deaf. Please see attached list for items.

We will also be having the book, CD and DVD sale at State Grange (**no VHS tapes**). Bring in these items to our table in the exhibit room and then come back and buy some new ones. Money from this will be donated to Dogs for the Deaf.

We will not be collecting box tops or soda tabs (although other departments may be). We ask that you donate these to a place in your communities, but please report on your community service report.

See attached sheet for items and stay tuned to the PA Grange News for updates on donation list.

The annual Community Service Report Form is included in this mailing. There is only one page that you need to fill out – the rest of your report will be done with your discretion.

Remember that the National Grange looks at the percentage (25% of all the Granges in our State) of reports to determine if we qualify for funding. You do not have to do a scrapbook, but please send this report in so we can receive the national funding. They are due to me by **September 15th**, so the judges have time to judge before state session. Please get them to me by this date. They need to be judged and sent on to National Grange.

Our committee is open to any suggestions or ideas that you have for this department. We are continually looking for new ideas to make this program better.

Attached in this mailing: Items needed for family festival/state session collections, Bike/Hike flyer, National Grange teacher of the year/firefighter/EMS of the year/police officer of the year nominations, Jr/Youth Community Service forms, and the 2018 State report form. Please let me know if you need any help or have any questions

Please make checks payable to PA State Grange D & CS Dept. and mail to me. Thanks for all your support.

*** If you're on Facebook, be sure to find the Pennsylvania Grange Community Service Page! E-mail [pagrange.dacs@gmail.com](mailto:pagrance.dacs@gmail.com) with projects completed so I can post your amazing work in your community! ***

Fraternally yours,

Gail Switzer, Director

56 Mary Fran Drive

West Chester, PA 19382

Family Festival Donations:

Birthday Bags:

- Cake Mix Boxes
- Icing
- Candles
- Aluminum Cake Pan (preferably 11x9)

Bike/Hike

- Walk/Bike OR sponsor a friend to do so!

State Session Donations:

Gleaners Food Bank

- Non-perishable food
- Paper Products
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Monetary Donations (donations payable to "Gleaners Food Bank")

Western PA School for the Deaf

- Tissues
- Crayons/Markers
- Pencils/Erasers
- Folders
- Notebooks
- Please see updates in the PA Grange news and Facebook with other items closer to the date

National Grange
Firefighter/EMT, Law Enforcement Officer and Teacher of the Year
Nominations

Worthy Community Service Chairperson,

Many states have continued a project that Dick Patten, New Hampshire State Grange Community Service Director, started when he was the National Community Service Director in 1998. He initiated a recognition award for firefighters and law enforcement officers that local Granges could utilize. Last year a Teacher of the Year category was added to this list and it was very successful and there were numerous nominations and it will be continued this year.

Each State Grange may submit one nominee for each category. The deadline for submissions will be to me by **September 1, 2018**, so they can be judged before being sent for the National Grange judging for National Grange session. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at g_switzer09@hotmail.com or 610-750-4290

I look forward to receiving a lot of nominations this year!

Fraternally

Gail Switzer

Pennsylvania Grange Deaf Activities and Community Service Director

Name of Grange submitting nominee _____

City/Town/State _____

Chairpersons' name _____ email

Address _____ Telephone _____

National Grange Junior Grange/ Community Service Contest

The intent of this collaborative program between these two departments is to bring attention to the community service projects junior granges are doing. We know that some junior granges either perform C/S projects on their own or in conjunction with their sponsor granges. This would also be a way to enhance the 1 Plus program by drawing attention to what a single JG is doing in their community and hopefully pique the interest of other children in that age range.

Each Junior Grange or 1 plus member would enter a short report/booklet not to exceed 3 pages (front and back). These should include an information page about the submitting JG, which would mirror what the subordinate grange submits for their state grange report book. The report would be for just a singular project to make it easier for the JG's to put together the report.

REPORT TO INCLUDE:

- 1) Short paragraph about the project
- 2) Newspaper article
- 3) Pictures
- 4) Paragraph from the JG Leader about how this impacted the community and what the JG's learned.

PRIZES/AWARDS

TBD

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: NOW

Any projects completed after 12/1/2017 can be entered for this year's contest

OBSTACLES

- 1) Who will run the program in each state? As we know there can be very strong lines as to who owns what programs and don't cross that line. We Samantha and I need to make sure when we roll this out that WE are working together on this to show it can be done. My opinion is in the states JG program should oversee it and have the CS judges judge the books. That is my suggestion at the NG level for judging (one less thing for Samantha to deal with).
- 2) Getting the word out. This were we need to utilize email lists, New Day magazine and Patrons Chain. We could also do a letter to the editor to the SG newspapers.
- 3) **NG Point of Contact** will be Pete Pompper

National Grange

Youth - Community Service

Project Report

This page should be the cover page for your report.

Grange Name: _____ State: _____

Point of Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number _____

Name/Type of project: _____

of Youth members: _____ # Youth members involved in project _____

Important information to include in your report: report should be no more than 3 pages (front and back) not including this cover page.

Date and location of the project, number of people impacted, names of other groups who helped, number of non-grangers who helped, no more than 4 photos, 1 or 2 newspaper articles about event, no more than 3 thank you letters.

Report must be returned to the NG Youth Grange Director by October 1.

Reports will be judged at NG session.

**Pennsylvania State Grange
Community Service Report 2018**

Grange Name & Number _____

County _____ Number of Members _____

Person Preparing Report:

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Please complete this form and send it to Gail Switzer or place it in front of your report notebook. Photos, newspaper articles, letters, etc. may be included; **however, notebooks over two (2) inches in thickness will be disqualified from judging.**

TOTAL HOURS given by Grangers doing Grange-sponsored community service _____

TOTAL HOURS given by community citizens doing Grange-sponsored community service _____

Please tell us about your Grange: (rural, urban, special events, special people etc.)

1. Which of the following does your Grange participate in? (A check mark is fine for this section, but if possible, record the number of items or the weight of items collected. For H a detail list of what was donated would be appreciated.)

_____ A. Collected items and donated items to be donated to Birthday Boxes (2018 Family Festival)

_____ B. Participated in or donated to the Bike/Hike for sponsoring an Autism Dog (2018 Family Festival)

_____ C. Collected soda tabs and donated to a local organization

_____ D. Collected and brought items for Gleaners Food Bank (2018 State Session)

OR

Collected and donated canned goods/nonperishable items to be a local organization

_____ E. Collected and brought items for Western PA School for the Deaf

_____ F. Collected "Box tops for Education" and donated to a local organizer or school

_____ G. Participated in or contributed to services for the deaf (ex: Donated books/DVDs or school items at 2018 State Grange Session)

_____ H. Collected and donated other items locally (eyeglasses, stuffed toys, blankets etc.)

_____ I. Other – please list and explain

This report is due to State Director by September 15, 2018

Mail to:

Gail Switzer
56 Mary Fran Drive
West Chester, PA 19382

Following is a list of suggestions we would like to see included for each project that you include in your report:

- Name of Project
- How many members/non-members participated
- What types of public relations did you utilize? (newspaper, posters, letters etc.)
- In what ways was this project beneficial for community, individuals or organizations?
- In what ways was your project a success?
- Anything else you would like to share?
- Do you work with other Grange Committees doing Community Service Activities?

Attach as many pages as needed to explain your projects, but remember not to send a binder thicker than two inches. Thank you!