• Organize a book drive with your family, co-workers, school, club or faith community.
• Read to children in your family, at your library, or with a local non-profit engaged in child care or literacy.
• Purchase school supplies for a local school to distribute to children who need them.
• Allow a high school student to shadow you at work and show them how to apply things you’ve learned in school.
• Be a mealtime partner for a preschool class to help kids develop social skills
• Mentor an at-risk youth at your neighborhood school.
• Tutor at an adult literacy or technology program.
• Donate new or gently used professional clothing to an organization assisting individuals in seeking employment.
• Serve as a greeter at a free tax preparation community coalition site to help low-income families acquire up to thousands of dollars in earned income tax credits.
• Volunteer to prepare tax returns for low-income families.
• Engage with a middle school to teach a class on how to save money and monitor the class as their savings grows.
• Help senior citizens learn how to detect and prevent fraud.
• Contact your local health clinic to offer assistance in anything from distributing flyers to serving on an event committee to writing a letter to the editor on their behalf.
• Check into what healthy snacks are or are not available in your local schools and add to their supply!
• Purchase personal care items such as deodorant, toothbrushes and soap for distribution to organizations and people who could use them
• Be a lunch buddy, and provide lunches for children during winter, spring and summer breaks.
• Check out nonprofits wish list and purchase some of their items. For larger ticket items, get your book club or neighborhood to pitch in.
• Help a nonprofit with their spring clean-up
• Provide office supplies to a nonprofit organization. Pens, copy paper, postage stamps, batteries are always needed.
• Make cookies or dinner for a residency program, like Ronald McDonald House West Michigan, Arbor Circle's The Bridge or the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge.