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Hi Everyone!

I took one year off to get back on my feet again and I have landed in my favorite committee - Children & Youth! With no children involved our organization will die. It is a rather bleak future without them. So, we must show them the way we are voluntarily traveling and then let them lead. Can you tell that I am also a teacher?

My first project for this year is "Give 10 for Education". School is starting soon and, with the inflation that is happening, some families may not have the money to get their child ready for school. This project is nice a way to donate unanimously. Also, your junior members can deliver these items to the school for you. Nice way to teach them the HOW of donating.

General guidelines for involving children and youth in your activities are many. After "Give 10 for Education", try a community clean-up project, make, and sign cards to local veterans and find out from the younger students who might be children of veterans in your area.

Last comment. In researching ideas for this committee, I came across a program called 'Kids of Deployed are Heroes 2'. The children can get overlooked quite easily. These children are trying to continue their lives knowing that they may never see their parent again. WOW! That is powerful!

Check out if there is a special song that the children share with the other parent as a theme song and a time when it is ok to cry. My daughter and I used Lee Greenwoods "God Bless the USA." It helped us through. The song still brings me to tears. (I personally know this can work!)

Remember our veteran's and active military's children deserve respect, comfort, and acknowledgment.

More information coming soon!

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