Books

31 Ways to Change the World
Creating Justice Together: Service Projects for Families and Multigenerational Groups by Susan Dana Lawrence
I Can Make a Difference: A Treasury to Inspire Our Children by Marian Wright Edelman
Moody Cow Learns Compassion by Kerry Lee MacLean
Tiger and Mouse: The Gift of Helping Others by Theodore Allen Lightfoot
Have You Filled a Bucket Today? A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids by Carol McCloud
What If Everybody Did That? by Ellen Javernick
Sadie: The Paper Crown Princess by Amanda N. Evans
The Country Bunny and the Little Gold Shoes by DuBose Heyward
The Shoemaker and the Elves by Jacob Grimm

Family-Friendly Service Opportunities at Church

Quill Card Creators
Children ages 3 to 18 are invited to join this Pastoral Care team, which creates art for the cards sent to congregants who are experiencing one of life’s ups and downs: a birth, death, celebration, loss, illness, or healing. The group meets regularly at church, but artwork can also be done from your home. For more information and to get involved, contact Jean Ann Powers at japowers@dallasuu.org or 214-884-1211.

Family Chalice Lighting
Lighting and extinguishing the chalice in the Sanctuary signifies the opening and closing of Sunday worship. This is a wonderful way to introduce children to ritual and worship, and to make shared memories. Contact Kathleen Sams (ksams@dallasuu.org or 214-528-3990) to sign up.

Family-Friendly Local Service Opportunities

North Texas Food Bank
Age 10 and up. Work with others on our UU team during our once or twice monthly shift to help make a dent in hunger in our area. For more information and to sign-up, contact NorthTexasFoodBank@dallasuu.org.
CitySquare Thrift Store
Age 8 and up. Join other UUs one Saturday per month to sort clothing and household goods, which are given to people getting back on their feet or sold to support CitySquare’s programs to fight poverty and homelessness. For more information and to sign-up, contact citysquare@dallasuu.org.

White Rock Lake Clean-Up
Volunteers of all ages. On the 2nd Saturday of each month, join with other UUs to clean and spruce up the White Rock Lake shoreline. For more information and to sign-up, contact shoreline@dallasuu.org.

Hope Supply Co. (www.hopesupplyco.org)
Volunteers of all ages, as long as they can count to 10. Volunteers help out in the warehouse sorting, counting, and packing donated items (diapers, formula, toys, clothing, etc.) for homeless children in Dallas.

Wee Volunteer (www.weevolunteer.org)
Provides age appropriate service projects for preschool and elementary school age children with local Dallas non-profits.

Service Resources

Doing Good Together (www.doinggoodtogether.org)
This organization, and its Big Hearted Families Program, provides tools for families to raise compassionate children who are engaged in their communities in meaningful ways. The website includes a collection of activities, resources, projects, and other support for including compassionate service in your daily family life.

Philanthropy Resources

When it comes to cultivating generosity and philanthropy in children, allowing them to choose how they give their resources and learning about the impact their gift is making are important. Here are some resources Deanna Charles recommends for family giving.

DonorsChoose.org
Public school teachers from every corner of America post classroom project requests on the site, and you can give any amount to the project that most inspires you.

Kiva.org
Connects people around the world through micro-lending to create opportunity and help alleviate poverty.

GoFundMe.org
A crowd-funding platform with projects of all kinds.