

My name is Sheryl Gulley and I am the Auxiliary Outreach chairman. This is an important program for every auxiliary as it demonstrates just how involved the auxiliary is in every part of the community.

Volunteering is at the heart of every auxiliary member. We pour our hearts into projects wholeheartedly. If someone needs a hand, we are there no questions asked. The organization does not have to be a Veteran's organization. This is the heart of the Outreach program.

How do you find a project:

First: Listen and look around for other organizations needing help. Bulletin boards, social media, schools or churches are good places to start. Are they having a dinner to feed the hungry, is a scout troop collecting food or clothing for those less fortunate, are more bell ringers needed? Does a local community theater need help with tickets or concessions? Does a local blood drive need help handing out snacks? (donating blood does not count as Outreach) Often a member is active in another organization that could use some extra help. Usually one call is all it takes to partner with another organization to help on a specific project.

The project must be brought up at a meeting and voted on so it is in the minutes. One or more members can work the project.

When you are doing the volunteer work, wear something that shows you are with the auxiliary, a hat, t-shirt, pin or jacket. This can start a conversation on what the Auxiliary is all about.

Remember, no money is involved in Auxiliary Outreach.

After the project is completed, REPORT IT. This is an easy but important step and if you have any questions, please let me know so I can help.

Let's all show our Auxiliary pride and show that we are involved in every aspect of our community life.

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

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