A-OK
Acts of Kindness

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An Intergenerational Home Maintenance Program
A-OK is a program that provides older, low income adults help with small maintenance projects in their homes. The work is done by high school volunteers under the supervision of knowledgeable, trained adults who serve as team advisors. Services are available during the fall and spring seasons.

**Eligibility Requirements:**
- YOU must be 60 years old, live within the attendance area of Township High School District 214
- YOU must meet low-income eligibility guidelines
- Program services are provided on a donation basis. Donations are used to support the program

**Services Offered:**
- Rake Leaves
- Clean Gutters
- Winterize Windows
- Test Smoke Detectors
- Replace Light Bulbs
- Change Furnace/Water Heater Filters
- Tack Down Loose Carpeting
- Trim Overgrown Shrubbery
- Wash Windows
- Other Household Needs Within Program’s Limits

**The Benefits:**

**Students will...**
- get valuable volunteer experience
- develop self-esteem through the process of helping others
- increase awareness of the life cycle
- earn school credit for participating in the program

**Older Adults will...**
- have access to low or no-cost home maintenance
- obtain these services without fear or fraud
- have a better understanding of today’s youth

**Community will...**
- see a reduction in the generation gap by increasing positive interaction between youth and older adults
- maintain neighborhood property values

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“The biggest benefit of my participation was the satisfaction of helping an elderly person who actually turned out to be very wonderful and kind. The best part of the project was talking with the elderly person and finding out their lives and it was extremely interesting and it felt good to help out such interesting and wonderful people.” - From a D214 high school student volunteer

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“I can’t tell you how much my parents and I appreciate your help. I currently live abroad so I am unable to help my parents around the house. They told me what a great job your team did and the students were very helpful. You are helping make the larger community friendlier and a better place. I try to teach my own children values your students are displaying, and you can believe I will re-double my efforts using your students as an example...kudos...my whole family thanks you.” - Steve