

### **Leadership Activity**

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My favorite lesson is a Service learning program. Students get in teams of 2 or 3 and start to investigate any charity. They are encouraged to consider local groups as they will be working with that group. They then meet with the leaders of the group and talk about how the students can make a difference. They might meet with a senior resident and set up some computer classes or talk with local family homeless shelter to collect soap and shampoo and cereal for the shelter. The students have to submit a detailed plan as to what they want to accomplish and all the steps that are needed to reach their goal. Student teams meet with the teacher weekly to show their progress or lack of progress. These weekly meetings help to focus the students and keep the students from failure. They have 8 weeks from start to finish for their project. 100% of the project is usually done off campus. Students must then prepare either a power point or poster explanation of their project. What they learned and what they would have done differently is at the conclusion of the project.