Kids Can Be Neighborhood Heroes, Too!

There are many ways in which you can still help your neighbors, friends, and family without coming into direct contact with them. Kids like to be helpful, too, so here are a few ideas for how they can get involved in the community and make a difference:

**Spread cheer, not germs.**
Allow kids to decorate the street-facing windows of your house with drawings, paintings, paper chains, stuffed animals, and even twinkle lights. As more people are home and taking walks during this time, cute decorations can make for a scenic stroll.

**Chalk your walk.**
Sidewalk chalk is another way they can write messages and draw pictures for your neighbors to enjoy—plus it keeps them active outside.

**Help with outdoor chores.**
Older kids can help with outdoor chores for elderly neighbors like mowing the lawn, weeding a garden, or moving trash cans to the curb. Reach out via phone or leave a note on the door offering to help.

**Put on a show.**
Don’t let instruments and dance shoes collect dust! Get your kids in front of the camera and fill up people’s social feeds with performances and funny skits or snapshots of how they’re spending their day. If you’re not into social media sharing, send them to family and friends to brighten their day.

**Stay connected.**
Have kids keep in touch with family and friends by sending e-cards. There are many free or low-cost sites that let you create special messages to send via email or text. Make funny videos on JibJab.com or personalize animated and talking ecards on doozycards.com or hallmarkecards.com.

We want to celebrate those who are making a difference during the pandemic. It could be an act of heroism, gesture of kindness, or generous gift of support. Share the heroic things you're seeing in your community and tag them with #NeighborhoodHeroes and #HappyWithPardee.