

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

2025

Participating in Community Service is an important part of our organization, from the largest to the smallest of Granges, from the largest to the smallest of communities, from the largest to the smallest of projects. Grange members from all over our great Nation go about their good works in various ways to better their communities.

In acknowledgement of the many variables and uniqueness that we have among our Granges, communities, and projects, changes have been made to the 2025 National Grange Community Service Program.

PLEASE REVIEW THE INFORMATION BELOW AS THERE HAVE BEEN CHANGES MADE TO OUR KANSAS STATE GRANGE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM TO REFLECT THE NATIONAL CHANGES.

SHARE YOUR PROJECT'S STORY

As your Grange finishes a Community Service project in 2025, please consider completing the "SHARE YOUR PROJECT'S STORY" fillable form on the National Grange website under Community Service. It is hoped by sharing your stories and details, other Granges will gain knowledge and suggestions on how to do like projects in the future.

COMMUNITY SERVICE BOOKS / REPORTS

THERE WILL BE NO JUDGING OF COMMUNITY SERVICE BOOKS/REPORTS ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL; however, competition at the State level is at each state's option. In 2025, Kansas will not have judging but will present each Community Grange, submitting a book/report to the State CS Director, with a monetary award at the Kansas State Grange Convention Annual Banquet in September. Each Grange will also receive a certificate from National Grange at that time.

Reports/books are to be postmarked on or before August 15, 2025 and mailed to Randee Farmer, 1210 State Street, Augusta, KS 67010. Effective this year, the option to scan and email a report (2 pages) instead of mailing a book is acceptable – email to farmermd13@cox.net **on or before August 15, 2025.**

Books/reports will be displayed at State Grange Convention for viewing by Grangers and non-Grangers alike. All will be returned to Granges at end of convention.

(National will give a monetary award to a State Grange if 25% of their Community Granges participate in Community Service so your year-end submittals to the State CS Director are important.)

FIREFIGHTER/EMT / LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER / TEACHER OF THE YEAR

THERE WILL NO LONGER BE JUDGING OF NOMINATIONS ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL; however, honoring and celebrating hometown heroes (someone who goes above and beyond the duties of their profession and betters the community) is encouraged on the local and State levels. Kansas will continue to recognize one

Firefighter/EMT, Law Enforcement Officer, and/or Teacher of the Year on the State level.

Please submit nominations (postmarked on or before August 15) to Randee Farmer, 1210 State Street, Augusta, KS 67010. You may also use the option of emailing the nomination to Randee Farmer at farmermd13@cox.net **on or before August 15, 2025.**

Once selections are made on the State level, the Contact as noted on a Grange's nomination form will be notified. A letter and follow-up phone call from the State CS Department will then be made to the honoree(s). The honoree and spouse/significant other will be guest(s) at the KS State Grange Convention Annual Banquet in September, at which time the honoree will be recognized and receive a plaque from the Kansas State Grange.

"YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!" VOLUNTEER AWARD

To award an INDIVIDUAL or GROUP who volunteers for the betterment of the community. Can be either a member or non-member of the Grange. There is no monetary compensation for their volunteering, just the satisfaction of doing something for the community.

Please submit nominations (postmarked on or before August 15) to Randee Farmer, 1210 State Street, Augusta, KS 67010. You may also use the option of emailing the nomination to Randee Farmer at farmermd13@cox.net **on or before August 15, 2025.**

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KANSAS STATE GRANGE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

C.A.R.D.S. kits with supplies to make greeting cards for our Servicemen/Servicewomen abroad and the Robert Dole VA Hospital will be provided to Granges upon request throughout the year. A kit contains between 10 and 20 cards. Simply notify State Director of -- when your Grange is available to make cards -- and -- how many kits your Grange can make. Your continued support of this project is appreciated!

PROJECT SUSTENANCE

This is a new program of the National Grange. Please see the National Grange webpage under Project Sustenance tab for details and ideas. There is a fillable form on-line to report any projects your Grange might participate in under the umbrella of Project Sustenance. Because Project Sustenance and Community Service can overlap, we were asked to include a place to report hours expended on Project Sustenance in our CS reporting which we have done. Thank you for supporting this new program.

KANSAS STATE GRANGE COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT FORM 2025

Grange Name & Number:

City, County, State:

Chairperson(s) Name:

Address/Email/Phone:

Signature:

- There are **two ways to make an official report** to State:
 - (1) This Report Form and the Service Projects Summary List (two pages) ; OR
 - (2) Book including the Report Form, Service Projects Summary List and multiple other sheets with details of each project, moneymakers, donations, as well as pictures, newspaper clippings, correspondence and any other backup. (This will serve as a wonderful historical record of your activities for years to come.)
- Activities are to have taken place between **August 16, 2024 thru August 15, 2025.**
- There are **two ways to submit reports/books** to State:
 - (1) Mail Book/Report to Randee Farmer, KS State CS Director, 1210 State Street, Augusta, KS 67010 (**must be postmarked on or before August 15, 2025**) ; OR
 - (2) Scan and email two page Report to farmermd13@cox.net **on or before August 15, 2025.**
- Reports/Books will be put on display at State Grange Convention in September for viewing by Grangers and non-Grangers, then returned to a representative of the reporting Grange at Convention.

Number of Members enrolled in your Grange:

Total Number of New Projects:

Total Number of Continuing Projects:

Total Number of Fundraisers:

TOTAL NUMBER OF PROJECTS/FUNDRAISERS:

Number of Grangers that participated in projects/fundraisers:

(count individuals only once; i.e. Mary helped w/multiple fundraisers and projects, only count Mary once)

Number of Non-Members participation in projects/fundraisers:

(count individuals only once; i.e. Mary helped w/multiple fundraisers and projects only count Mary once)

Non-Member Hours:

Grange Member Hours:

Project Sustenance Hours:

(calculation: number of hours to do project "times" number of participants)

TOTAL HOURS FOR YEAR:

KANSAS STATE GRANGE COMMUNITY SERVICE

SERVICE PROJECTS SUMMARY LIST

(USE MORE THAN ONE SHEET IF NEEDED)

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**KANSAS STATE GRANGE
COMMUNITY SERVICE****SERVICE PROJECT SHEET****Name of SERVICE PROJECT:****Leader/Person in Charge:****Date of Project:**

Continuing

☐

New

☐

Project Sustenance

☐**Grange Member Hours:****Non-Member Hours:****General Description of Project:****Benefits that Community Received:****Grangers involved** (can list individual names or give total number):**Non-members involved** (can list individual names or give total number):

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**KANSAS STATE GRANGE
COMMUNITY SERVICE
FUNDRAISER SHEET**

Name of FUNDRAISER:

Leader/Person in Charge:

Date of Project:

Continuing

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New

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Grange Member Hours:

Non-Member Hours:

General Description of Fundraiser:

Proceeds from Fundraiser were used for:

Grangers involved (can list individual names or give total number):

Non-members involved (can list individual names or give total number):

Name of Project/Group Receiving Donation	Approx. \$ amount/value
TOTAL APPROX. \$ AMOUNT / VALUE	

**KANSAS STATE GRANGE
“YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE” VOLUNTEER AWARD
_NOMINATION FORM
2025**

Name of Person / Group:

Phone Number / Email Address:

Group Name / City Name (as applicable):

Nominating Grange / Contact Name:

Phone Number / Email Address:

Please tell why person/group should be recognized. Attach additional sheets as needed. Include photo.

Awards Committee: Randee Farmer, Audrey Trowbridge, Ashlee Schiff
Nomination Form must be postmarked or emailed on or before August 15, 2025 to:
Randee Farmer, 1210 State Street, Augusta, KS 67010, farmermd13@cox.net, 316-644-1871.

**KANSAS STATE GRANGE
“TEACHER OF THE YEAR” AWARD
_NOMINATION FORM
2025**

Name of Nominee:

Phone Number / Email Address:

School Name / City:

Nominating Grange / Contact Name:

Phone Number/Email Address:

Please tell why this person should be recognized. Attach additional sheets as needed. Include photo.

Awards Committee: Randee Farmer, Audrey Trowbridge, Ashlee Schif
Nomination Form must be postmarked or emailed on or before August 15, 2025, to:
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**KANSAS STATE GRANGE
“LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR” AWARD
_NOMINATION FORM
2025**

Name of Nominee:

Phone Number / Email Address:

Police Dept. Name / City:

Nominating Grange / Contact Name:

Phone Number/Email Address:

Please tell why this person should be recognized. Attach additional sheets as needed. Include photo.

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**KANSAS STATE GRANGE
“FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR” AWARD
_NOMINATION FORM
2025**

Name of Nominee:

Phone Number / Email Address:

Fire Station Name / City:

Nominating Grange / Contact Name:

Phone Number / Email Address:

Please tell why this person should be recognized. Attach additional sheets as needed. Include photo.

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KANSAS STATE GRANGE
STATE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT
C.A.R.D.S.
(Caring About ouR Deployed Servicepersons)

OBJECTIVE: To create handmade greeting cards for deployed military personnel to use for writing home to relatives and friends. The front of the card is decorated; the inside of card is blank, allowing space for writing. (Glitter cannot be used for safety reasons; colored paper must be light enough in color to allow writing to show.)

BACKGROUND: C.A.R.D.S. was launched 9/11/10 at the Augusta United Methodist Church, Augusta, KS, by an inspired lady with a passion for helping the military. She got her idea from a group called Operation/WriteHome. Her inspiration has led to the sending of hundreds of cards a month to servicepersons all over the world. She had owned a scrapbooking store at one time, so has unselfishly given of her surplus supplies, tools, and ideas. C.A.R.D.S. gets additional donations of supplies (cardstock, paper, envelopes, decorations, glue, etc) and postage monies from those interested in the project. The group meets once a month for a C.A.R.D.S. Party to assemble kits (all the pieces necessary to make a card are put in baggies, ready to be assembled by others interested in helping) and/or make cards.

THIS IS WHERE THE GRANGE CAN HELP: C.A.R.D.S. would like your Grange to help make cards. Intent is to send your Grange kits (including everything you need to make the cards, simply follow the sample provided.) Only cost to your Grange is the return postage to send completed cards back.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Kits to make greeting cards for our Servicemen/Service women abroad and the Robert Dole VA Hospital will be provided to Granges upon request throughout the year. A kit contains approx. 10 cards. Simply notify State Director of

-- when your Grange is available to make cards

-- how many kits your Grange can make

Your continued support of this project is appreciated!

BENEFITS of participating in C.A.R.D.S.:

- It's fun!
- Helps support our military service men and women that are far away from home.
- Grange Membership Tool – invite friends to C.A.R.D.S. parties!

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Randee Farmer
Director, KS State Grange Community Service
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KANSAS STATE GRANGE COMMUNITY SERVICE IDEAS (2025)

IDEAS:

■ Meals

- Feeding people is an overwhelming passion for Grangers. Ideas include supporting food banks, creating food baskets for community distribution, hosting dinners or preparing full meals for various events and needs, and collecting for food pantries or food drives.

■ Life Skills/Self-Sustainability

- Grangers can teach classes and workshops in cooking, sewing, quilting, painting, carpentry, animal husbandry, defensive driving, pie making, crocheting, dancing, archery, and gardening, among many others. You can also consider holding debates to teach younger generations speaking skills.

■ Community Support

- Granges adopt and clean highways, streams, parks, and cemeteries, donate the use of their Halls for community events, support various community projects, serve as an information hub for their towns on bulletin boards and social media, and host legislative forums and debates for candidates for various local positions.

■ Veterans

- Grangers can write cards, make holiday stockings, adopt soldiers and send care packages, host appreciation dinners, honor veterans with Quilts of Valor, and lay wreaths and flags in cemeteries for the holidays. In addition, you can clean cemeteries, and bake cookies or other goodies for the military and VFWs.