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| **Make Volunteering a Family Decision****Doing volunteer work together as a family is a great way to bond while making a positive impact on other people’s lives.**Volunteering offers a dynamic and rewarding way to bring your family closer. It allows you to spend some quality time together while making a difference in the community. Volunteer work also teaches young children social and emotional skills, which can add to their further development and future success. Helping others is an excellent way for them to build strong morals as well as learn compassion and empathy. There are many volunteer jobs available for families with little kids. Here are some opportunities that you might want to look into.**Volunteer at a local food kitchen.** Serving dinners at food shelters can be a fulfilling experience. Apart from the chance to assist others firsthand, you also see the difference a warm meal may make to someone.**Volunteer at an animal rescue shelter.** Most humane societies accept volunteers who can help with daily activities, such as cleaning the cages or walking dogs. Think about your family members’ skills and limitations before signing up and be sure to discuss the work involved, as it isn’t just about playing with the animals. It’s about assisting with care, and it’s a great way to show little hands the big responsibility of welcoming a family pet into the home.**Volunteer with senior citizens.** Talk to the administrator at a local nursing home and see if there are some residents that don’t get visitors. Seniors can get lonely and might enjoy sharing stories of their life. Children may learn some valuable life lessons from the interactions.**Participate in cleanup drives.** Neighborhood associations often organize seasonal cleanup days for parks and other public spaces. Young children can participate by picking up trash, raking leaves, and planting flowers. This is an excellent opportunity to get your kids outside as they learn about giving back and taking pride in their community.**Do a search to find local charitable activities or volunteer programs you can all get involved in.** Just be sure to discuss your decision with your spouse and children so you can weigh in on what type of advocacy they’re interested in. The more you’re excited and united about a cause, the more fulfilling the experience will be for everyone. The same could be said about planning for your financial future. Contact me today and we can schedule a family meeting to talk about it.

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