

By involving Masonic youth in lodge outreach, the lodge sets an important precedent for relief and connects youth with older generations of Masons and widows. Here are three lodge programs that can make a big difference.

Household help

- Run a Trestleboard ad asking if any elder members and widows have household projects that Masonic youth can tackle for service hours—from small repairs to light housekeeping and yard work. This is a great way for elder fraternal family to support Masonic youth, while at the same time removing any stigma associated with asking for help.

Teaching events

- Ask Masonic youth and elder fraternal family to identify skills they can teach each other, such as Skyping, cell phone tutorials, woodwork, music, crafts, and cooking. Then bring everyone together for teaching events at the lodge.

Pen pal program

- Create a pen pal club between Masonic youth and elder fraternal family members, whether through pen and paper or technology such as email, Skype, or texting. Ensure that the communication remains appropriate and involves the oversight of an adult.

Educate members about the support services available to them. Call (888) 466-3642 for information on and help connecting to all of the support services of Masonic Assistance.