

HOW TO: Start Something



SOFTBALL CARES

You make the difference.

Decide.

- What difference does your team want to make?
 - Help kids?
 - Impact the fight against hunger?
 - Reach out to seniors?
 - Support those with disabilities?

Research.

- What organization in your community is making a difference?
- What type of help do they need?

Plan.

- Call or write the organization and ask how your team can help.
- Decide on the 5 Ws & How!
 - Who will take action?
 - What will they do?
 - When will they do it?
 - Where will it happen?
 - Why is it important?
 - How will it work?

Execute.

- Do what you say you will do.
- Show up on time.
- Take action according to your plan.

Celebrate.

- Post pictures to the Softball Cares facebook page.
- Send a photo and caption to your local paper.
- Tell us about it on twitter.

A team in action...

The CP Fastpitch program from Portland, Oregon values community service. They chose to help those less fortunate when they traveled to Las Vegas for a summer tournament.



They learned about an organization called Opportunity Village, which needed volunteers.

The team reached out and worked with the organization to find a way to help. The entire team spent 4-hours helping sort donations the Friday before the tournament began. Their help made it easier for Opportunity Village to sell goods and raise funds needed to serve people with intellectual disabilities and their families in Las Vegas.

The players and coaches had fun while making a difference.

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