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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mensa Literacy Program

This fund is available to community literacy efforts with which Mensans are involved. Any Mensa member who works with any literacy program can apply for a grant for that program.

Project Inkslinger

This project exists as a result of the devastating floods of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers in the summer of 1993. What one member started in Central Oklahoma Mensa to help her flooded neighbors turned into a nationwide Mensa-powered campaign. That initial effort delivered 10,000 books to a little library in Elwood, Kansas. Through each Mensa chapter, the project continues to identify and donate to local “book-needy” centers such as rural libraries or a local jail, hospital, or women’s shelter.

Community Activities Program (CAP)

This program was introduced in 1998 to recognize local groups for service efforts in their communities in one of four categories – educational projects, gifted children projects, young Mensan projects, and community service. Entries have included organizing a book sale to raise money for scholarships, judging and giving awards at a science fair, organizing a bike ride to raise money for the local kidney foundation, sponsoring a theater group, coaching disabled teens at a sports clinic, participating in a food drive, serving Christmas dinner to people at a nursing home, organizing a gifted children colloquium, and answering phones during a public television pledge drive.

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