

Community Service & Take Action: What's the Difference?

Community Service	Take Action
Community Partnerships – Girls are approached by community groups or organizations to provide short-term benefits for the group / organization.	Community Partnerships – Girls connect with community groups and organizations that align with the girls' interests to collectively work with them to create an impactful project with long-term benefits.
Measurable - Contribution is measurable but it does not impact any reduction in the community's overall need.	Measurable – The impact and effectiveness of the project can be determined by any reduction in the community's need using concrete, quantitative data.
Sustainability – Projects are short-term and often are a one-time event with no plan for continuation.	Sustainability – Projects create lasting change which continues on after the girls' involvement is done. Usually through community partnerships.
Root Cause – Projects address an immediate need within the community but do not offer a solution to the long-term issue.	Root Cause – Projects investigate the community's need, discovering what is causing the issue and creating a unique solution to address the need.
Global Connection – Projects may or may not be connected with larger issues effecting other communities.	Global Connection – Girls connect their projects with the world around them including sharing their projects with other groups/organizations with similar needs; learning from others; identifying connections in the greater community of their state, nation, and/or world.

