GLOBAL DAY
OF 2021 SERVICE
8/30

2021 Project List
GLOBAL DAY OF SERVICE SCHEDULE

Monday, August 30th:

- 9am - Kickoff at the Harvard Science Center Plaza
- 10am to 2:30pm – Work at Service Sites in the Greater Boston Area
- 10:15am to 2:30pm - Work at Remote Service Sites (unless otherwise noted)
- 3:00pm to 3:50pm – Alumni Mentoring Chat (via Zoom - open to the first 200 registrants)
- 3:00pm to 3:50pm - Harvard Votes Challenge: Voter Registration and Civic Conversations (via Zoom - open to all)
- 4:00pm to 6:00pm – Community Conversations (in-person for first-year students)
- 6pm to 7:30pm – Dinner / Portraits of Service in Harvard Yard (open to all students)

RESOURCES FOR ALL TEAMS

We will be working to match you with your volunteer teams and put you in touch with one other by early afternoon on Friday, August 27th. This is a quick rundown of all of the resources you’ll need to ensure that your public service assignment is a success! We encourage you to be in touch with your team at any point prior to the Global Day of Service on Monday, August 30th. For our Campus and Community Partners, if there's important information to share with your team that isn't captured in your project listing, please feel free to share any information that you think might be helpful.

Resources for Campus Partners, Community Partners, and Team Leaders:

1) If you experience any serious emergencies or technical issues (such as a Zoom outage), your emergency contacts are:
   - Travis Lovett (tlovett@fas.harvard.edu / 202.253.8782)
   - Varsha Ghosh (vghosh@fas.harvard.edu / 617.312.6784)
   - Texting will be the easiest way to reach Travis and Varsha

2) Check out our Partner and Leader Briefing for facilitation tips and resources to make the most of your day!

3) Campus and community partners tell volunteers why the work is important and walk volunteers through the project’s core objectives and needs

4) Team Leaders keep volunteers engaged and provide our partners with troubleshooting support along the way

5) If you have unresolved questions, please click on the links below to meet with our team!
   - Wednesday, August 25: 4:30pm to 5:30pm
   - Thursday, August 26: 9:30am to 10:30am // 4:30pm to 5:30pm
   - Friday, August 27: 9:30am to 10:30am // 4:30pm to 5:30pm
Everyone should only need to know three major steps for the day:

1) **Our kickoff will begin at 9am on the Harvard Science Center Plaza!**
   - Student organizations will be tabling from 9am to 9:40am
   - A brief welcome will begin at 9:10am featuring leaders from PBHA, the Institute of Politics, and Harvard Votes Challenge
   - At 9:40am, we will instruct everyone working on in-person projects to find their project teams...
   - Students will depart to their sites and the Science Center Plaza will be cleared by 10:00am

2) **In-Person Teams will arrive to their sites in the Greater Boston Area at some point prior to 11:00am Eastern time.** All in-person teams will gather on campus and depart from the Harvard Science Center Plaza at 10:00am Eastern.

3) **For Zoom-based teams: all volunteers will join their Zoom-based project team at 10:15am Eastern time** (unless otherwise noted: see meeting links listed below)
   - Service projects could go up until 2:30pm Eastern time, but we have developed programming throughout the day for any volunteers who want to stay engaged throughout the day
   - Most service projects will run anywhere from 2-5 hours, with most projects running 2-3 hours

**Preparing for your work: what to bring!**

**Guidance for in-person sites:**
- Wear comfortable clothes that you don’t mind getting slightly messy
- Wear closed-toe shoes
- Bring extra water and bring your face mask!
- Bring a portable speaker if you'd like to be a DJ at your service site!
- If needed to complete your project, gloves, trash bags, and/or MBTA passes will be provided – please take safety precautions and breaks if your project involves physical exertion

**Guidance for remotely-based projects:**
- Bring headphones if you join a classroom hangout space (to minimize outside noise)
- Bring a power cord for your laptop
- Bring your face mask!
- As a reminder, food is currently prohibited in classroom spaces
On-Site Projects - MBTA Travel

**TEAMS 1-15: City of Boston**

Focus area: outdoor improvements: parks and community sites

Project Description: 150 volunteers will be working with City of Boston officials on a variety of projects including park clean-ups, gardening, tree planting, and general community improvement work.

- TEAMS #1-3: City of Boston: Urban Farming Institute - Mattapan
- TEAM #4: City of Boston: “Rockies Urban Wild” – East Boston
- TEAM #5: City of Boston: Garden Work at Salesian Boys & Girls Club – East Boston
- TEAM #6: City of Boston: Eastie Farms #1 – Sam Adams Elementary School
- TEAM #7: City of Boston: Eastie Farms #2 – Garden Work
- TEAM #8: City of Boston: Eastie Farms #3 – Donald McKay School
- TEAMS #9-10: City of Boston: Tree Planting – Dorchester
- TEAMS #11-15: City of Boston: Street Clean Up – Dorchester

**TEAM 16: Cambridge Local First**

Focus area: small business and non-profit support

Project Description: Cambridge Local First (CLF) is a non-profit network of locally owned and independent businesses formed in October 2005 to build a strong local economy and a vibrant community. The mission of CLF is to support, promote, and celebrate a “Local Economy Community” by educating the public and government about the significant environmental, economic, and cultural benefits of a strong local economy.

Volunteers would conduct outreach to CLF’s 450 members, to gauge each business' well-being in response to the pandemic. Specifically, volunteers would work with a subset of local businesses in a distinct Cambridge neighborhood to review a COVID-19 impact survey with local businesses.

Number of volunteers: 25

**TEAM 17: FamilyAid Boston**

Focus area: housing insecurity, social services

Project Description: FamilyAid Boston empowers parents and caregivers facing homelessness to secure and sustain housing and build strong foundations for their
children's futures. Boston has the third-highest rate of family homelessness in the country and FamilyAid Boston provides essential services to families who are struggling. During the Global Day of Services, volunteers will pack boxes of groceries and supplies for families and prepare supply kits for children returning back to school. Volunteers will also be oriented to issues related to family homelessness.

Number of volunteers: 10

**TEAM 18: Groundwork Somerville**

Focus area: sustainability, urban farming

Project Description: Groundwork Somerville strives to bring about the sustained regeneration, improvement, and management of the physical environment through the development of community-based partnerships. During the Global Day of Service, volunteers will work a shift on Groundwork Somerville's urban farm.

Number of volunteers: 15

**TEAM 19: Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)**

Focus area: environmental work, painting

Project Description: Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) manages state parks and oversees more than 450,000 acres throughout Massachusetts. It protects, promotes, and enhances the state’s natural, cultural, and recreational resources. During the Global Day of Service, volunteers will work on park cleanup and painting projects along the Southwest Corridor (between Ruggles and Forest Hills stations on the Orange Line) and participate in park clean-up and beautification assignments.

Number of volunteers: 75

- 20 volunteers are needed near the Massachusetts Avenue MBTA Station for weeding and cleaning - they will meet Althea from DCR at the Southwest Corridor and West Newton St. (Titus Sparrow Park). Volunteers will walk about 4 blocks along the Southwest Corridor from Massachusetts Avenue MBTA station toward downtown.
- 30 volunteers are needed at Ruggles MBTA Station for painting and weeding. They will meet Mike Glynn from DCR at the Southwest Corridor behind the Boston Police Headquarters. Volunteers will exit the Ruggles MBTA station and follow the upper busway toward Ruggles St.
• 25 volunteers are needed at Stony Brook MBTA Station for weeding and cleaning along the Southwest Corridor right across from the stations. They will meet Jenny Jones from DCR.
On-Site Projects - Harvard Shuttle

TEAM 20: A.R.T. and Arnold Arboretum

Focus area: arts activism and outdoor engagement

Project Description: The Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University is a museum of trees teaching the world about plants, and the American Repertory Theater (A.R.T.) is the professional theater on the Harvard campus. During the Global Day of Service, volunteers will form focus groups to offer feedback on programming, welcoming, and social media strategies at the A.R.T., following a tour of the Arboretum and sneak peek at the “Arboretum Experience” audio play and guided meditation collaboration produced by A.R.T.

Number of volunteers: 25

TEAM 21: Friends of the Honan-Allston Library

Focus area: education, community engagement

Project description: Friends of Honan-Allston Library is an all-volunteer organization of library users, neighbors, businesses, and elected officials who work to support the library, to increase public awareness of the library’s services, and to provide funding to supplement the branch’s budget. The library reopened in August and volunteers will be working on a variety of projects including cleaning, reorganizing donations, along with sorting books and games.

Number of volunteers: 5

TEAM 22: Gardner Pilot Academy

Focus area: education

Project description: School is almost here for the Gardner Pilot Academy and the K-8th graders. Help clean up and make the playground, learning garden, and entrance way look great to start the year.

Number of volunteers: 20
On-Site Projects - Walk-to-Site

TEAM 23: Harvard CIVICS

Focus area: civic engagement, government

Project Description: Harvard CIVICS is a joint Institute of Politics – Phillips Brooks House Association program that places motivated and service-minded undergraduates in 5th grade classrooms with the goal of empowering the next generation of engaged, informed, and active citizens. Program participants are driven to provide a meaningful civic education to a range of communities and socioeconomic backgrounds. The CIVICS program is fast growing and spread across 30 classrooms in the Cambridge and Boston Public School systems, in which members use a student-generated curriculum to engage students in topics of democratic governance, politics, current events, and civic engagement.

Number of volunteers: 20

TEAM 24: Harvard UNICEF

Focus area: youth work, humanitarian aid

Project Description: Harvard UNICEF is a non-profit student organization dedicated to empowering the lives of children globally composed of 30 Harvard undergraduate members. One central aspect is the promotion of equal access to a quality education. Students who volunteer with Harvard Undergraduate UNICEF members at this in-person event will pack school supplies and write inspirational notes for students who attend under-resourced schools in the Greater Boston area.

Number of volunteers: 10

TEAM 25: Harvard College Women’s Center: Ann Radcliffe Trust Lecture + Mosaic Project

Focus area: social justice, effective altruism

Project description: Every year, the Harvard College Women's Center recognizes a senior female faculty member pursuing innovative and exciting work as a tribute to Ann Radcliffe and other pioneers of women's education at Harvard and Radcliffe. This year's
Ann Radcliffe Trust Lecture honors the work of Dr. Bonnie Talbert. Dr. Talbert is currently the Associate Director of Studies in Social Studies, and has taught courses on social and political theory, existentialism, philosophy of psychology, effective altruism, friendship, and more. In 2021 she is completing a Professional Certificate in Restorative Justice and Leadership, and will be teaching an engaged scholarship course on restorative and transformative justice. The focus of her meeting will be on creating powerful connections for community engagement. After the lecture, student volunteers will work together to create mosaics that represent social justice work in its many forms. These mosaics will be displayed in public service spaces on campus.
Number of volunteers: 50

TEAM 26: Harvard Square Business Association

Focus area: social engagement, sustaining small businesses

Project Description: The Harvard Square Business Association was founded in 1910 and was incorporated May 20, 1936 with an established purpose “to advance the commercial, industrial and public interests of Harvard Square, to promote a commercial exchange, to accumulate and give to its members business information, to adjust controversies and misunderstandings, to establish and maintain uniformity in commercial transactions, and to promote just and equitable principles of trade. During the Global Day of Service, volunteers will head to Palmer Street and work on one of five project assignments:

- Developing a supply chain and volunteer support for the local community fridge program
- Developing a community outreach plan and activity calendar for social programming on Palmer Street
- Developing content and graphics for local historic walking tours
- Supporting small businesses with marketing and community outreach efforts
- Cleaning up the immediate surrounding area of Harvard Square, particularly, the area around the front of First Parish Church, where the Fridge is now located.

Number of volunteers: 60

TEAM 27: Harvard Votes Challenge

Focus area: voter registration and voter engagement

Project Description: Harvard Votes Challenge (HVC) is a non-partisan, university-wide effort organized by the IOP and the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation at Harvard Kennedy School. HVC works with each of Harvard's 12
degree-granting schools to increase voter registration and participation among eligible students on their respective campuses. During the Global Day of Service, HVC volunteers will help students register to vote and educate students about the voting process.

Number of volunteers: 25

TEAM 28: Phillips Brooks House Association (PBHA)

Focus areas: social justice, community wellbeing, educational access, youth activism

Project Description: Phillips Brooks House Association (PBHA) strives for social justice. As a student-led organization, PBHA mobilizes volunteers in collaboration with Boston and Cambridge partners to address gaps in opportunities and resources. PBHA develops student and community leadership to creatively meet critical needs and advocate for structural change. PBHA seeks to promote social awareness and community involvement at Harvard and beyond. PBHA serves a dual mission – providing vital experiences for generations of students in service and activism, while simultaneously offering programming throughout Greater Boston that meets stated community needs. Each year, 1,500 student volunteers join with PBHA’s community partners to run more than 80 social service and social action programs. PBHA programs fall into several categories: adult services, advocacy, afterschool and in-school, health, housing, mentoring, and summer.

During the Global Day of Service, volunteers will support several in-person assignments:

1) Archival work: help with sorting, scanning, compiling PBHA historical documents
2) Volunteer recruitment and plant sale: Door dropping/flyering, setting up and staffing Plant Sale and PBH Swag giveaway prep.
3) Organizing After School Program supplies.
4) Organizing books and supplies in the Shepard Room.
5) Harvard Square Homeless Shelter (HSHS) cleaning: roughly 1 in 200 Cambridge residents are experiencing homelessness at any given time. The Harvard Square Homeless Shelter has responded to this crisis for the past 38 years by housing 24 to 29 people every day between November 1st and April 15th. HSHS also organizes a street outreach team every evening, providing MBTA passes and other resources through the resource advocacy program, and offers two meals every day to shelter guests and people who request meals at the door.

Number of volunteers: 50
TEAM 29: Overflow Site: Clean-Up Project at Magazine Beach + Food For Free Sorting

Site Location: Harvard Science Center Plaza

Sites are on hold unless needed. Staff may serve as support to Harvard University Dining Services in packing leftover food for Food for Free or help guide a team to Magazine Beach for a clean-up project along the Charles River.
Zoom-Based Projects (Remote)

**TEAM 30: Atlas of Surveillance**

Focus area: personal protection, information transparency, public data

Project Description: Atlas of Surveillance is a collaborative effort between the Electronic Frontier Foundation and the University of Nevada, Reno Reynolds School of Journalism. Through a combination of crowdsourcing and data journalism, Atlas of Surveillance has created the largest-ever repository of information on which law enforcement agencies are using what surveillance technologies. The aim is to generate a resource for journalists, academics, and, most importantly, members of the public to check what’s been purchased locally and how technologies such as drones, body-worn cameras, face recognition, cell-site simulators, and automated license plate readers are spreading across the country. During the Global Day of Service, volunteers will work to identify open source data sets from different law enforcement agencies to better understand how they use surveillance technologies.

Number of volunteers: 20

**TEAM 31: Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology (BFIT)**

Focus area: college access, educational equity

Project Description: Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology (BFIT) is an affordable, urban college serving the Boston region with a commitment to student success and career readiness in technology fields. During the Global Day of Service, volunteers will support the BFIT student services team to develop an emergency funding campaign for student scholars on financial aid. They will also work to develop grant applications to expand WiFi hotspot access and reach out to students who have stopped out to figure how to help them re-enroll in classes.

Number of volunteers: 30
TEAM 32: Breaktime

Focus area: preventing homelessness, youth empowerment

Project Description: Breaktime is a youth-led non-profit founded out of Harvard University that works to end chronic young adult homelessness through transitional employment and financial empowerment. Breaktime currently operates Boston’s first transitional employment program specifically for young adults experiencing homelessness. During the Global Day of Service, volunteers will participate in a day of advocacy to support Massachusetts Senate Bill 142 (S. 142), a Bill of Rights for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness. The event will start with a 20 minute training on the bill and advocacy best practices. Volunteers will then have a goal of signing and sharing a Change.org petition, with a goal to get 10+ friends to sign and share the petition support of S. 142. Volunteers will also be given a list of elected officials to contact to ask for their support for the Bill of Rights.

Number of volunteers: 15

TEAM 33: Caribbean Education Project (CaribEd)

Focus area: education and youth engagement

Project Description: Global Day of Service volunteers working with CaribEd will be creating engaging learning materials to help Caribbean primary school students pass high-stakes secondary school entrance exams. These materials will be distributed to students lacking internet access. Global Day of Service volunteers will hear from leaders on the ground in the Caribbean and get to work directly with members of the CaribEd team.

Number of volunteers: 30

TEAM 34: Center for Economic Democracy

Focus area: Economic development and equity

Project Description: The Center for Economic Democracy (CED) educates and inspires people who seek a world beyond capitalism by launching and stewarding campaigns and collaborations to build democratic economies. CED redirects capital to heal communities and our relationship to the living earth. CED is leading a campaign to amend the charter for the City of Boston to create a more transparent budgeting process that would allow City Council to line-item veto parts of the mayor’s budget and create an Office of Participatory Budgeting. Currently, the council must vote yes or no on the mayor’s entire proposed budget with no power to change parts of it. Volunteers
will be trained to call voters by phone to raise awareness of Question 1 in advance of the November elections.

Number of volunteers: 15

**TEAM 35: Change the Tune**

Focus area: educational equity, food justice, entrepreneurship and youth empowerment

Project Description: Utilizing a holistic approach to programming that dismantles inequitable systems, and creates equitable change for communities, Change the Tune has served over 500 students since 2017. As a relatively new organization Change The Tune is working on building out three opportunities for volunteers: 1. We would like for a team of people to create content that we can share on social media using a cadre of videos, and photos we have in a drive. 2. We would like to revamp our curriculum to be a bit more engaging and easier access for learners. 3. We are building out a grant repository to help us be better equipped to apply for grants, and could use help with building our data base for grant preparation. We would like volunteers on the global day of service to choose which project they are most interested in, and support us with our 3 different work streams. To learn more about us you can also visit our instagram@ChangeTheTune [https://www.instagram.com/p/CCl6XUvA0e3/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link](https://www.instagram.com/p/CCl6XUvA0e3/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link)

Number of volunteers: 20

**TEAM 36: City of Boston: Love Your Block and City Hall To Go**

Focus area: community activism

Project Description: Volunteers will create an innovative and eye-catching social media campaign such as a 1-pager or flyer to be promoted on our social media channels for two City of Boston initiatives: Love Your Block and City Hall To Go. Love Your Block offers mini-grants and neighborhood cleanups for beautification projects. City Hall To Go brings government services out into underserved communities through staffed vendor trucks to provide easier access to government services, including filing taxes, registering to vote, paying a parking ticket, requesting a birth certificate, getting new recycling bins, or signing up for a library card. To familiarize yourself with the City of Boston’s work, visit the [Office of Public Service](https://www.cityofboston.gov) web site.

Number of volunteers: 50
TEAM 37: Code for America / Transform 911

Focus area: public health, technology, emergency response

Project Description: Code for America and Transform 911 are collaboratively planning an annual National Day of Civic Hacking to revamp the 911 emergency response system on September 18th. The 911 system facilitates emergency response to hundreds of millions of calls each year—but by design or default, the system initiates an armed law enforcement response for all situations. An armed law enforcement response is not an ideal solution in many cases and has disproportionately serious consequences in communities of color. During the Global Day of Service, volunteers work with Code for America and Transform 911 staff to track down and test municipal open source databases connected to police departments, fire departments, and city government systems across the country. Volunteers will help Code for America and Transform 911 answer key questions about reimagining human-centered emergency response in hopes of better meeting community needs.

Number of volunteers: 25

TEAM 38: CovEducation (CovEd)

Focus area: education and youth engagement

Project Description: CovEducation (CovEd) launched during the pandemic to provide one-on-one mentorship and educational support to K-12 students. CovEd is transitioning to a model with partnerships established with schools, school districts, and nonprofits. To aid in this transition, volunteers will be trained to research and identify entities with which to partner using an equity lens. Once the groups are identified, participants will have access to outreach templates and materials to contact these potential partners about working with CovEd. The goal is to reach up to 100 new potential partners (5 per participant) through the Global of Service.

Number of volunteers: 20

TEAM 39: Darsel

Focus area: educational access

Project Description: Darsel is a free supplemental learning platform for students with limited internet access. Darsel allows students to practice math through low-bandwidth channels such as short messaging service (SMS) and Facebook Messenger. Darsel's
AI-powered platform provides an interactive and personalized learning experience designed to supplement K-12 education in low-income communities. Darsel's mission is to improve learning outcomes in resource-constrained communities. They are bridging the global digital divide and working toward the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4 by developing low-cost, low-bandwidth education technology. During the Global Day of Service, volunteers will assist with developing K-12 Common Core curriculum questions, hints, and explanations for students.

Number of volunteers: 20

TEAM 40: Debate Spaces

Focus areas: education, youth engagement

Project Description: Debate Spaces is an education non-profit that uses debate to foster civic engagement and connect middle school students from around the world (25+ countries). Debate is an immensely valuable activity for youth, both in teaching them skills that they can apply to their daily lives and in inspiring them to think critically about issues affecting our society. By engaging in rigorous and meaningful discussion, students not only become more aware of current events but also shape their own responses to those events. By crafting and developing strategies to make the world a better place, the pedagogical approach of debate carries numerous external benefits. During the Global Day of Service, volunteers will work on curriculum development and games that help middle school students engage with one another. Students may also work on outreach to expand Debate Spaces' presence on social media.

Number of volunteers: 15

TEAM 41: East London Connect

Focus area: youth engagement

Project Description: East London Connect provides the next generation of young people with the educational and career opportunities to have economic power to actively participate in the regeneration of East London. During the Global Day of Service, volunteers will develop content for mini-courses that will help prepare secondary students for higher education. Volunteers interested in racial equity in the workplace and education could help produce engaging teaching material.

Number of volunteers: 20
TEAM 42: Ella Baker Center for Human Rights

Focus area: social justice, human rights

Project Description: Ella Baker Center (EBC) for Human Rights is named for the brilliant, Black hero of the civil rights movement. Following in her footsteps, they organize with Black, Brown, and low-income people to shift resources away from prisons and punishment to focus on opportunities that make communities safe, healthy, and strong. During the Global Day of Service, volunteers will work with staff to respond to people in prison who have recently seen time added on to their sentences through administrative errors by the California prison system in the implementation of new credit earning percentages. Volunteers will also learn about EBC’s Prison Mail Program. EBC believes that people closest to the problem are closest to the solution and responding to messages from community members impacted most by mass incarceration will give volunteers and community members a chance to connect and learn from one another in a meaningful way.

Number of volunteers: 25

TEAM 43: Erevna: Coronavirus Visualization Team

Focus area: data analysis, visualization, and public health research

Project Description: Erevna is an international, intercollegiate, and interdisciplinary 501(c)3 nonprofit providing student research opportunities. We host panels, fellowships, and -thon events focused on education, data science, startups, public policy writing, and more for over ten thousand students. During the Global Day of Service, volunteers will advise and assist academic research, nonprofit management, students, educational resources, and/or publications. The Coronavirus Visualization Team’s (CVT) mission is to fight the infodemic through student research projects, partnerships, and publications on the meaningful effects of the pandemic. For a list of CVT projects, visit https://airtable.com/shrhQ0jYGZEqT7yqq/tblblfs1QIX9Izr9V.

Number of volunteers: 30
TEAM 44: Faces Up Uganda

Focus area: arts activism, youth mentorship

Project Description: Faces Up Uganda is a youth-led non-governmental organization (NGO) based in Kampala, Uganda, that offers mentorship to young people through creative arts. Through this mentorship, young people develop critical thinking skills and become more creative, confident, and compassionate. Faces Up Uganda inclusively empower children to take a driver’s seat in bettering their lives by transforming their artworks into lifestyle accessories that are sold to enable them to raise their own school fees. During the Global Day of Service, volunteers will review and contribute to the Faces Up Uganda mentorship curriculum. Volunteers will also help to develop communications materials and social media campaigns to create awareness about Faces Up Uganda’s work. There also may be a possibility for volunteers to create a market strategy for selling youth artwork.

Number of volunteers: 10

TEAM 45: GenUnity

Focus area: civic leadership

Project Description: Over 40% of young, working-age adults want to become community leaders, but most haven’t gotten involved. GenUnity creates issue-focused, cohort-based civic leadership programs to activate the next generation of community leaders. During the Global Day of Service, volunteers will support GenUnity’s digital marketing efforts to reach diverse adults, including developing social media content, improving website collateral and search engine optimization, and creating narrative templates to highlight member stories.

Number of volunteers: 20

TEAM 46: GreenLight Fund

Focus area: social innovation and philanthropy

Project Description: GreenLight Fund helps transform the lives of children, youth and families in high-poverty urban areas by creating local infrastructure and a consistent annual process to identify critical needs, support innovative and entrepreneurial programs, and sustain impact for long-term results. GreenLight Fund envisions a national network to harness the vision and ambition of social entrepreneurs to accelerate
the growth of proven programs making lasting change for children, youth, and families. During the Global Day of Service, volunteers will develop landscape assessments for existing sites and future cities. Landscape analyses provide critical input into how partners and cities are selected. These analyses include city priorities, challenges, philanthropic assessment, industry analysis, and identifying individuals who might make strong champions or sponsors of this work.

Number of volunteers: 10

TEAM 47: Hamptons Community Outreach

Focus area: social services

Hamptons Community Outreach (HCO) works to bridge the gap between two starkly different realities in our Long Island community. New York State leads the nation in income inequality and that gap is even wider in the Hamptons, where the income of many year-round residents relies on a seasonal service economy. Since 2018, HCO has provided food outreach, essential supplies, youth development programs and crisis support to marginalized communities.

Our scope of work has grown to meet the need, from providing basic needs like fresh produce and grocery staples, to mental health services addressing the traumas of parent loss, displacement and financial hardship, to emergency home repair enabling families to live safely together.

During the Global Day of Service, volunteers will work to develop a social media campaign to bring greater visibility to community needs. This Dropbox will be a helpful resource for volunteers:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/yyxszdoswelffm3/AAD2B0vaxmMMjCi8cH8F83lqa?dl=0

Number of volunteers: 15

TEAM 48: Health Leads

Focus area: food security, public health

Project Description: For over two decades, Health Leads has worked closely with hospitals and clinics to connect people to essential resources like food, housing, and transportation. Today, Health Leads works locally and nationally to unearth and address the deep roots of racial inequity that impact our health. During the Global Day of Service, volunteers will help Health Leads to develop a food resource guide for five Boston neighborhoods:
Dorchester, Hyde Park, Mattapan, Roslindale, and Roxbury. Volunteers will also work on developing logo ideas for the Neighborhood Food Action Collaborative.

Number of volunteers: 20

TEAM 49: International Orchestra of Refugees
Focus area: Arts advocacy, refugees, and storytelling
Project Description: The International Orchestra of Refugees (IOR) is a not-for-profit corporation whose mission is to connect talented refugee musicians, and other forcibly displaced musicians, with meaningful opportunities to preserve their cultural heritage, find economic prosperity, and boost social integration. In light of the recent crisis in Afghanistan, students will create a bank of social media content exploring music and the arts in Afghanistan while addressing the plight of people in the region. Subsequently, students will reach out to organizations receiving Afghan refugees to make them aware of IOR and its services. Students will also explore the refugee athletes competing in the 2020 Summer Paralympics and create content to celebrate the athletes and their achievements.

Number of volunteers: 15

TEAM 50: The Jed Foundation
Focus area: emotional and mental health

Project Description: The Jed Foundation is a nonprofit that protects emotional health and prevents suicide for our nation’s teens and young adults. As part of the Harvard Global Day of Service, The Jed Foundation (JED) welcomes volunteers to assist in creating first-person testimonials that can be utilized for our direct-to-youth messaging and school outreach efforts. These testimonials can take the form of a written essay, recorded video, social media post (Twitter/Instagram/Tiktok), infographic, and/or artwork that would focus around:

- why volunteers value the importance of emotional well-being and mental health in their daily lives (including helping their peers take care of their mental health)
- recommending strategies around self-care and wellness, particularly in the back-to-school transition that will be shared with JED’s youth audience
- how they believe the organizations/groups they are involved in, communities back home, and/or campus can enhance the mental health culture or systems of support to better serve teens and young adults (JED’s core demographic is 13-30)
why enhancements in school/campus-based mental health supports are important to them

Number of volunteers: 15

TEAM 51: Last Hope K9

Focus area: animal welfare; dog foster care resources

Project Description: During the Global Day of Service, students will be working with Last Hope K9, a 501(c)(3) registered non-profit all-breed dog rescue based in Massachusetts, to create/update social media profiles for long-term foster dogs (dogs that have been with the Rescue for more than 6 months). These profiles will include information like pictures, breed, age, ideal type of home, etc. and will play a critical role in helping the dogs get adopted/fostered. Since the adopter pool for these dogs are much smaller than the average cute puppy, creativity and interesting approaches to make unique profile posts that can accurately and succinctly convey the important info will be highly encouraged.

Each team member will be assigned one of the 13 dogs and be given information, pictures, and other resources related to the dog to make the personalized bio. Depending on how long the profiles take, we may also do additional social media-related projects after.

Number of volunteers: 10

TEAM 52: Latino Support Network

Focus area: community advancement, workforce development

Project Description: Latino Support Network provides resources, services, and connections that support immigrant communities in Massachusetts. As a certified Community Development Corporation (CDC), Latino Support Network works with residents, community-based organizations, and local governments to create affordable housing and improve the quality of life for Latino communities. During the Global Day of Service, volunteers will develop materials for a voter registration drive in Lynn. Volunteers will also work to compile resources for an online workforce development application that connects residents to volunteer opportunities, community events, and jobs.

Number of volunteers: 25
TEAM 53: LedBy Foundation

Focus area: women’s empowerment

Project Description: LedBy Foundation is the first leadership incubator for India’s largest minority. LedBy focuses on the empowerment of South Asia’s largest underrepresented group (Indian Muslim women) who face sexism and communalism (religious racism) throughout their educational and career journey. LedBy provides experiential leadership training to high-potential Indian Muslim women in college, pairs them with mentors and industry experts, and facilitates financial support through rigorous, co-curricular programs. During the Global Day of Service, volunteers will develop social media content and short videos to help LedBy increase access to followership.

Number of volunteers: 5

TEAM 54: Mass Mentoring Partnership

Focus area: education, mentoring

Project Description: Mass Mentoring Partnership (MMP) is committed to ensuring that every young person in the state has access to quality mentoring relationships, regardless of who they are or where they live. MMP is a statewide organization that partners with corporate, public, and philanthropic entities to drive critical resources to a network of more than 370 mentoring and youth-serving organizations, representing more than 50,000 young people. During the Global Day of Service, volunteers will work to update and expand MMP’s outreach database.

Number of volunteers: 15

TEAM 55: NAACP Legal Defense Fund

Focus area: legal services, social justice, voter access

Project Description: The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund (LDF) is America’s premier legal organization fighting for racial justice. Through litigation, advocacy, and public education, LDF seeks structural changes to expand democracy, eliminate disparities, and achieve racial justice in a society that fulfills the promise of equality for all Americans. LDF also defends the gains and protections won over the past 80 years of civil rights struggle and works to improve the quality and diversity of judicial and executive appointments. During the Global Day of Service, volunteers will work with the LDF team
to build out local volunteer contact lists to protect voting rights in 8-12 states where voter protections are at-risk.

Number of volunteers: 30

**TEAM 56: New Voters**

Focus area: voter engagement and youth civic activism

Project Description: New Voters is a student-run non-profit organization that works toward 100% voter registration in high schools across the United States. New Voters empowers high school student-leaders to host non-partisan voter registration drives at their school through a near-peer mentorship program, and registered 50,000 high school students to vote for the 2020 election. Volunteers through the Global Day of Service will work to engage their own high school and several others in civic engagement drives, conduct research to develop civic education curriculum, and work with our Communications team to spread New Voters’ message.

Number of volunteers: 40

**TEAM 57: Novustack** (formerly Innovate for Africa)

Focus area: social innovation, economic development

Novustack (formerly Innovate for Africa) is a social enterprise that provides graduating STEAM students in Nigeria 1-month training on entrepreneurial and labor-demanded skills as well as support throughout a subsequent 11-month fellowship placement at an innovation-driven start-up. Novustack's mission is to decrease unemployment and bolster economic development through our robust educational and network-building experience that will not only build employable graduates but foster entrepreneurship leadership so that more jobs will be created. Volunteers will work with the program’s founder, Quadri Oguntade, to develop a social media outreach campaign to create more awareness of the IFA fellowship placement program and help Novustack reach a greater audience among startup partners in the US and Africa.

Number of volunteers: 20
TEAM 58: Opportunity Youth United, Re-entry Action Committee

Focus area: criminal justice reform, youth engagement, social justice,

Project Description: Opportunity Youth United (www.oyunited.org) is a national movement of young people and allies working to increase opportunity and decrease poverty in America. The Re-entry Action Committee of OYUnited.org is focusing on advocacy for policy reforms to improve diversion and re-entry programs, end life without parole, and support policies and programming committed to ending discrimination and injustice affecting incarcerated individuals. Volunteers will learn from formerly incarcerated young adults and local organizers working on re-entry in the morning. Then they will learn about key reform legislation pending in MA and actions they can take to move it forward. They will also help Opportunity Youth United develop related social media campaigns in support of that legislation.

Number of volunteers: 35

TEAM 59: PBHA: Rising Leadership: Top 10 Skillsets, Mindsets, and Heartsets

Focus areas: program management, servant leadership, social justice, community wellbeing, educational access, youth activism

Project Description:
- A mixtape of the greatest topics in public service leadership...
- A menu of practices to apply to your future roles and situations...
- A collection of voices from those who have tested these skills in the field...
- Ways of being that will change the way you approach working with others...
- All in one place at one time to kick-off your journey!

Featuring interactive mini-lessons from over a dozen experts, including two former PBHA Presidents, program directors and community leaders sharing their most recommended practices!

Intended for first and second year students who may take a formal or informal leadership role in regular, group-based volunteer programming during their public service involvement.

Number of volunteers: 50
TEAM 60: Radcliffe Schlesinger Library

Focus area: prison reform, gender justice

Project Description: Radcliffe's Schlesinger Library illuminates the lives of American women past and present through its collections, research support, public programming, and exhibitions, all while advancing Harvard Radcliffe Institute's commitment to women, gender, and society. During the Global Day of Service, volunteers will transcribe the papers of Miriam Van Waters. She was known for prison reform work during the mid-20th century and served as superintendent of the Reformatory for Women in Framingham, Massachusetts for 25 years.

Number of volunteers: 20

TEAM 61: Red Cross of Massachusetts

Focus area: disaster relief and cause marketing

Project Description: Through the Global Day of Service, volunteers will work with the Red Cross team to develop customized outreach materials for their most urgent volunteer areas, including:

- An overview of the organization and the lines of service
- A section on Disaster Mental Health and International Humanitarian Law
- A Section on Restoring Family Links
- Hurricane and Wild-fire Season Messaging for Surge Capacity (Action Items)
- Exploring Harvard's Red Cross Club Status & potential revitalization

This is a great onboarding opportunity for anyone who would like to get more involved with the Red Cross of Massachusetts on longer-term projects.

Number of volunteers: 40

TEAM 62: Refresh Bolivia

Focus area: development through education, infrastructure and research

Project Description: Refresh Bolivia is an international nonprofit that serves the health and sanitation needs in Cochabamba, Bolivia, through education, infrastructure development, and research. During the Global Day of Service, volunteers will work on two projects:

Project #1: Create infographics in Spanish or with clear illustrations that debunk common myths about the COVID vaccines. Teams can either create their own materials or conduct
research on the internet to see if there are open source from NGOs/UN/CDC/NIH that can be adapted.

Project #2: To support Refresh Bolivia’s goal of creating video public service announcements; teams will be asked to research existing Spanish language videos through NGOs/UN or create a script and storyboard to jumpstart the process for the organization to create their in video. If there is time, the team can either produce a video, in Spanish or start the process for creating one. Both projects will be presented to Refresh Bolivia representatives. Spanish speakers will be necessary.

Number of volunteers: 10

TEAM 63: StoryWish + Harvard College Children's Stories: Remy the Humanities Cat

Focus area: children's literacy

Project Description: Volunteers will create a children's anthology of poems and stories dedicated to telling the story and travels of Remy, Harvard's Humanities Cat. Artists and authors will individually or in pairs on short children's poems/stories (no more than a page or so) to be completed within the 2-3 hour time block. Background on Remy's life, including articles and Remy's Instagram (the Remstagram) will be shared with authors and artists. The anthology will be shared with children's hospitals, and local animal shelters as well as used in youth programming.

Number of volunteers: 20

TEAM 64: Sustainable Business Network of Massachusetts

Focus area: small business support, sustainability, community engagement

Project Description: Sustainable Business Network (SBN) was founded in 1988 as the nation’s first business trade association with a mission of making business a vehicle for social, environmental, and economic change. Since then, SBN has raised the bar for what’s expected from the business community to tap into the immense potential that local entrepreneurs have for doing good. During the Global Day of Service, volunteers will work on an outreach campaign to promote the Boston Local Food Festival on September 19th.

Number of volunteers: 15
TEAM 65: Task Force for Asian American Progressive Advocacy and Studies at Harvard

Focus area: food security

Project Description: Volunteers will learn why community fridges are an important tool to increase food security; how they function and what users need to know about them. There are two tasks for this project. Both involved promoting the community fridge, but to two separate constituents. One is a social media campaign for the general public to raise awareness of community fridges: what are they, why are they important, how to get involved; include relevant hashtags. The second are multi-lingual or illustrations for pamphlets for the Chinatown community to promote use of the fridge, importance of the fridge, how to volunteer to maintain the fridge.

Number of volunteers: 15

TEAM 66: Tree-Plenish

Focus area: environmental work, reforestation

Project Description: Tree-Plenish's mission is to create more sustainable schools by replenishing the environment with these lost resources. Through student-led events, Tree-Plenish is able to plant trees in the community based on approximations of school paper usage. Tree-Plenish currently has a presence in 85 schools across 20 states. During the Global Day of Service, volunteers will work with the Tree-Plenish team to expand Tree-Plenish's presence in high schools based in Boston, Denver, Chicago, and New York City. Volunteers would be asked to answer research questions such as:

1) What is the current tree canopy cover in the city? What parts of the city have fewer trees?
2) How can Tree-Plenish recruit schools in the city? Are their community organizations that have connections with students that can be leveraged?
3) Where should trees be planted?
4) Are there local tree vendors that can provide the trees needed?

Number of volunteers: 35
TEAM 67: U.S. Department of PEACE

Focus area: civic activism and social justice

Project Description: The U.S. Department of PEACE is an exciting new reintroduction to the old concept of “civic responsibility.” The first rule of business is to find a need and fill it. There is an urgent need for civic awareness, social engagement, corporate citizenship, and governmental integrity. PEACE stands for equity in political, economic, academic, cultural, and environmental spaces. During the Global Day of Service, volunteers will work alongside the program’s founder and Harvard Advanced Leadership Initiative Fellow, Keith Benson, to develop web site and social media content, an annual PEACE awards ceremony to pitch to Public Broadcasting Station (PBS), and generally serve as think tank about ways to make activism efforts engaging and more effective.

Number of volunteers: 25

TEAM 68: VHL Alliance

Focus area: Health Advocacy - cancer research and awareness

Project Description: VHL Alliance is dedicated to research, education, and support to improve awareness, diagnosis, treatment, and quality of life for those affected by VHL (von Hippel-Lindau), a genetic condition that involves the abnormal growth of blood vessels and malfunctioning cells in 10 parts of the body. Cancer has a major effect on society. Approximately 40% of all people will be diagnosed with cancer at some point during their lifetime. Thanks to research related to the VHL gene, more is being learned about the regulation of cellular growth factors levels, which will be effective in treating other forms of cancer. During the Global Day of Service, volunteers will help to build a database of foundations and individuals who have supported kidney cancer research and pancreatic cancer research.

Number of volunteers: 10-15

TEAM 69: Victory Programs

Focus area: public health

Project Description: Victory Programs opens doors to health, housing, recovery, and hope for individuals and families facing homelessness, addiction, or other chronic illnesses. During the Global Day of Service, volunteers will work on a marketing campaign focused on recruiting volunteers that better reflect the communities we serve. These recruitment
methods would be implemented throughout the year to provide support at Victory Programs’ 19 programs across Boston including our Boston Living Center, Mobile Prevention Team, and ReVision Urban Farm.

Number of volunteers: 15

**TEAM 70: Wave Learning Festival**

Focus area: education

Project Description: Wave Learning Festival is a student-run educational platform that aims to teach students through seminars on a variety of topics. They strive to provide equitable educational resources while alleviating some of the new pressures that have fallen on working parents during the pandemic. During the Global Day of Service, they are seeking volunteers to create course content. There are also opportunities for volunteers who want to help with marketing or tech development.

Number of volunteers: 25
TEAM 71: Harvard GlobalWE

Focus area: gender justice, women's empowerment

Project Description: Harvard GlobalWE is a shared interest group of the Harvard Alumni Association dedicated to the empowerment of women through education, dialogue and connection among individuals working for women's rights and freedoms worldwide. Harvard GlobalWE has several potential projects for interested volunteers:

- GlobalWE Connect could use assistance with (1) identifying a system to keep track of the updates and events of the 2021 Women's Empowerment Expo participating organizations and share them through GlobalWE's social media accounts and (2) researching potential grassroots organizations focusing on women's and girls' health and education in the U.S. and internationally to participate in the 2022 Expo.
- GlobalWE Essay Contest could use assistance with how to streamline customization of the flyers, permission forms, certificates and bookplates. It would require volunteers with graphic design/page layout skills, proficiency with Adobe Creative Cloud applications and/or Microsoft Word.
- GlobalWE Essay Contest could also use assistance to help with an online map project. Volunteers need to be familiar with the Squarespace platform.
- GlobalWE Secretariat could use assistance in developing a high school student volunteer strategy and framework.

Number of volunteers: 15

TEAM 72: Asynchronous Adventures

Focus area: research, program evaluation, transcription, and data mapping

Asynchronous projects include:
- Amnesty Decoders
- CovED
- Crisis Text Line
- EduMate NYC
- International Rescue Committee
- MapSwipe
- Missing Maps
- MuckRock
- National Archives
- New York Public Library: Transcription Center
- Sierra Club
- Smithsonian Institution Transcription Center
- Translators Without Borders
- UN Volunteers
- Voices of Eco-Justice
- Zooniverse