



In recognition of the 10th Anniversary of the September 11 attacks, the Washington Commission for National and Community Service encourages everyone in Washington to serve, honor, and remember in a national day of service and remembrance. The September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance is the culmination of an effort originally launched in 2002 by 9/11 family members and support groups. It became officially recognized following the passage of the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act of April 2009.

Are you interested in volunteering? Visit <http://www.serve.gov> or <http://www.911day.org> to find volunteer opportunities. Or to create a September 11 National Day of Service project, check out the five simple steps below:

1. Investigation

Identify a local or national need you would like to address. Use a variety of sources to research the need and identify community partners. What are some things you're good at that you could use as part of the project? What are some skills your friends or family could bring to the table as well?

2. Preparation & Planning

Develop a strategy for change and a common vision for success. Determine what you will do and then create a timeline, assign responsibilities, develop a budget and an outreach plan, and find a project location. Include your community partners in this process. Once you've finished planning your project, post it online at <http://www.911day.org>.

3. Action

Now it's time to actually enact the project! Does everyone know where to go and what task to do? Make sure someone is ready to answer any questions from volunteers, the community, elected officials, special guests, or local media. Document your action by taking photos, videos, and notes.

4. Reflection

Include reflection before, during, and after your project. Reflection helps you understand why you are providing the service, what differences you are making, and what you are learning along the way.

5. Demonstration/Celebration

Share what you have done and what you have learned from the experience by teaching others. Draft a report for the community, present your results, write letters to public, and post your photos on [Serve Washington's](#) facebook page.