



# ALUMNI DAY OF SERVICE

PART OF THE HWS HOST-YOUR-OWN SERIES

Since 1994, the **Hobart and William Smith Day of Service** has been a cornerstone for our campus and community identity. What began as a single day of giving back to the community has grown into a cherished tradition, one that unites students, faculty, staff and community partners in meaningful acts of service across the Finger Lakes region. Over three decades later, Day of Service continues to represent the HWS commitment to civic engagement, leadership and community partnership.

Beyond the hours spent volunteering, Day of Service reminds us that service is not an isolated act, but rather a practice of gratitude, responsibility, and connection. When we come together to clean a park, mentor elementary students or support a local animal shelter, we honor the HWS mission to "lead lives of consequence." Every project, no matter how small, contributes to a culture of care that ripples far beyond Geneva.

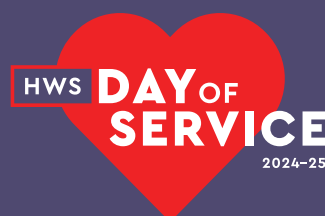
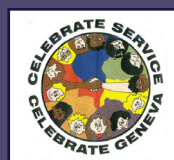
**Now, as alumni communities grow across the country, we continue to hear about the impressive ways you're contributing at home.**

We offer a few ideas to help you find and plan a meaningful service opportunity. If you are currently committed to a local non-profit or faith-based organization as a board member or regular volunteer, perhaps connect or open this to the wider HWS community network in your area.



## HWS DAY OF SERVICE CLUB

The Day of Service Club is entirely student run and volunteer managed. Each semester a student designs the logo that lands on the coveted t-shirts that our students wear so proudly as they volunteer.



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## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP VOLUNTEER IDEAS

### • Join Forces with a Civic Organization

Already part of a civic group like Rotary or Zonta? Invite fellow alumni, students, friends, or colleagues to join your next project and learn more about your mission.

### • Environmental & Community Renewal

#### Environmental Clean-Up or Tree Planting

Partner with local parks departments or environmental groups to organize a cleanup, restoration project or tree-planting event (e.g., around Arbor Day).

#### Habitat & Housing Support

Build, paint or landscape with local housing nonprofits or shelters. Explore opportunities with organizations like Habitat for Humanity.



#### Virtual Volunteering

#### Consider Donating Your Time from Home

Unable to leave the house? You can still volunteer! You can find Virtual Service Opportunities by scanning the QR code to the left.

### • Animal Care & Advocacy

#### Animal Shelter Assistance

Volunteer at a local animal shelter by walking dogs, cleaning kennels, or helping with adoption events.

### • Education & Literacy

#### Literacy & Education Support

Read with children, tutor students, organize a book drive or restock neighborhood "Little Free Libraries."

### • Food & Basic Needs

#### Food Insecurity Initiatives

Support a local food pantry, soup kitchen or community garden by sorting donations, serving meals or helping with garden maintenance.

#### Health & Wellness Drives

Organize a blood drive with the Red Cross, host a community wellness fair or collect hygiene kits, diapers and medical supplies for donation.

### • Community Connection & Service

#### Support for Veterans & Seniors

Assist with yard work, deliver meals, shovel driveways or host a social or activity day at a veterans' home or senior center.

## WHAT MAKES A GREAT DAY OF SERVICE?

- Identify an organization in need.
- Work with organization to determine their capacity for hosting.
- Work with organization for the best date/time to volunteer.
- **Complete the Host Your Own Day of Service form by scanning the QR code below.**
  - We will set up an invitation for you to be sent to alumni within a 60-mile radius of your location.
  - Folks will reply to you to RSVP.
- Serve wearing your HWS gear!
- Send us pictures and the list of your attendees!  
**alumrelations@hws.edu**
- Send a thank you to your host location with some photos!



HWS HOST YOUR OWN FORM

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