

Paying Tribute On 9/11 By Helping Others

(NAPSA)—The anniversary of September 11 is a day of history, emotion and reflection for most Americans. Over the last nine years, this day has also come to symbolize the resilience, kindness and unity of our citizenship, inspired by the outpouring of goodwill throughout the nation in the months following the attacks. Americans pulled together in countless ways after 9/11 to help each other and revive our national spirit. And it is that spirit that infuses our remembrance of 9/11 each year and inspires us to serve our neighbors in our own communities every day.

9/11 National Day of Service

September 11 is now a National Day of Service and Remembrance, a result of federal bipartisan legislation passed and signed into law by President Barack Obama in 2009. Establishing 9/11 as a National Day of Service was the culmination of years of work by the nonprofit MyGoodDeed, on behalf of many 9/11 family members and organizations that sought to create this forward-looking observance to forever remember the lives of those lost, pay tribute to the many who rose in service, and honor the brave soldiers who serve our country at home and abroad every day.

“Our ultimate goal is to establish a permanent legacy of service and compassion that will forever honor the 9/11 victims and heroes,” said MyGoodDeed President David Paine. Paine founded the organization in 2002 with close friend Jay S. Winuk, the brother of 9/11 rescuer Glenn J. Winuk, an attorney, volunteer firefighter and EMT who died in the line of duty when the South Tower of the World Trade Center collapsed.



Organizations are working together to create a positive legacy that honors the victims of 9/11 and those who rose in service after the attacks.

This year, the 9/11 Day of Service initiative is being promoted by a public-private partnership of organizations that includes the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), HandsOn Network, the National September 11 Memorial and Museum and MyGoodDeed.

“Through this effort, we hope to rekindle the spirit of unity and compassion that swept our nation after 9/11 to help meet the challenges we face today,” said CNCS CEO Patrick Corvington.

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MyGoodDeed has created a special website to support the new observance. Individuals are encouraged to visit <http://911dayofservice.org> and “adopt a cause” of their own choosing for 9/11. At the site, people can also post and share good deeds, and teachers can download education lesson plans about 9/11. Nonprofits can build profiles of their organizations and post volunteer opportunities.

Service opportunities about 9/11 are also available through the CNCS at <http://serve.gov>.