



National Service Partners Launch New Resources



Ten Years Serving America Toolkit To commemorate its ten year anniversary, the [Corporation for National and Community Service](#) has launched its 10 Years Serving America toolkit. The toolkit is designed for grantees and other organizations and agencies that champion the value of national and community service. The toolkit offers resources to help organizations leverage the anniversary to engage new partners, recruit more volunteers, promote their programs, and enhance their resources.



Emergency Financial First Aid Kit In September, as part of National Preparedness Month, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, [Citizen Corps](#), Federal Emergency Management Agency, [USA Freedom Corps](#), and [Operation HOPE, Inc.](#) unveiled the Emergency Financial First Aid Kit at an event at the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The Emergency Financial First Aid Kit helps Americans minimize the financial impact of a natural disaster or national emergency. [Citizen Corps and Operation HOPE, Inc. also announced a key partnership](#) to promote financial and economic education for disaster planning and recovery.



Building Bridges Classroom Guide In October, Broward County Public Schools in Florida, the Nation's sixth largest school district, became the first school district to adopt the Peace Corps' Building Bridges Classroom Guide. The educational materials are designed to assist teachers of grades six through 12 in building cross-cultural awareness, respect, and communication in their classrooms. The Broward County school district is one of the country's most diverse student bodies with students from approximately 160 countries.



The President and Mrs. Bush meet [USA Freedom Corps greeter Shannon Hickey](#), who founded [Mychal's Message](#).

"...This young soul, inspired by the example of Father Mychal Judge, who is the Chaplain of the New York City Fire Department, who died on September the 11th, 2001, heard a call, a universal call to love a neighbor like you'd like to be loved yourself, and started [Mychal's Message] to help people who need help....I particularly want the young who are here to look at Shannon as an example of what you can do to help change America, one heart, one soul, one conscience at a time."

President George W. Bush
in his remarks on education in
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania
September 22, 2004

Mark Your Calendars . . .

November 9 The [Corporation for National and Community Service](#) is accepting grant applications through November 9 for AmeriCorps Education Awards Program funding. [Click here](#) for an Education Award Program application, instructions, and grant guidelines.

November 11 On Veterans Day this year, say thank to our Nation's veterans through volunteer service. Since 1946, the [Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service \(VAVS\)](#) has served our Nation's veterans; it has now grown to become one of the largest volunteer programs in the Federal government. Last year volunteers through VAVS contributed almost 13 million hours of service to veterans. [Learn how you can show your appreciation to America's veterans by becoming a VAVS volunteer.](#)

November 20 [National Family Volunteer Day](#) is a call to families across America to work together in volunteer service to strengthen families and communities. Volunteering as a family opens lines of communication, teaches positive values to children, and provides quality family time, while making significant contributions to the community. [Answer the President's Call to Service by learning how to get involved.](#)

Families can also earn the [President's Volunteer Service Award](#). The award, an initiative of the [President's Council for Service and Civic Participation](#), recognizes individuals, families, and groups for giving back to their communities.

