

# Rock Your World

All the Resources **Youth** Need to Make A Difference in DC! ★★



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**Service Project Tips & Tools**

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"Be the change  
You wish to see  
in the world."

~ Gandhi



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by empowering residents to meet needs through service.

We welcome your feedback. Please visit us at [www.serve.dc.gov](http://www.serve.dc.gov).

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# Government Works for You:

## Permits, Parking, Trash, Trees & other City services

### DC Department of Transportation (DDOT)

#### Public Space/streets/Parking

Public Space is defined as all the publicly owned property between the property lines on a street and includes, but is not limited to, the roadway, tree spaces, sidewalks and alleys. In addition to public space occupancy, other permit types include: reserved parking, banners and seasonal displays,

DDOT has launched a web application permitting system called Transportation Online Permit System (TOPS), which allows users to apply online for public space permits. Applicants may submit in person at:

DDOT Permitting Center

1100 4th Street, SW, 2nd Floor

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.

Thursday the hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Note: The DDOT Permit Office is on the third floor. Applicants must go to the second floor to apply for permits.

Learn more at:

DDOT Transportation Online Permit System (TOPS) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Common Permit Applications & Requirements (printable copies)

#### Plant/Adopt Trees

DDOT Trees is the Urban Forestry Administration, which is responsible for establishing and maintaining a full population of healthy street trees within the District.

#### Apply for a Tree Permit

Any residents and contractors who wish to plant, prune, or remove a tree within the Public Right-of-Way must first obtain permission from the Department of Transportation and the Urban Forestry Administration.

Apply for a Tree Permit.

#### Become a Canopy Keeper: Adopt a Tree

Adopting a tree is a great way to make nature part of your family. New trees planted near your property need your assistance to survive, learn more about becoming a Canopy Keeper.

Become a Canopy Keeper: Adopt a Tree.

#### Plant a Tree

Urban Forestry Administration plants between 3,000 and 4,000 street trees each year. Residents may request a tree for an existing, empty tree box or continuous planting strip (grass strip) in front of their residence or trees for an entire block by calling 3-1-1. All planting requests must be submitted before June 15th to be processed for the upcoming fall/winter planting season.

Learn more online about tree planting or routine tree service.

### Parades/ Block Parties/Special Events

#### Parades & Special Events

As the nation's capital, the District of Columbia hosts numerous special events that reflect the city's diverse and rich heritage. DC Government provides essential municipal services in support of special events to ensure events occurring on DC public space are conducted in a manner that protects public health and safety. The Mayor's Special Events Task Group (MSETG) is responsible for coordinating the city's public safety planning efforts for events when applicable.

The MSETG meets to review presentations of proposed events the second and fourth Monday of each month, except on government holidays. Presentations of event proposals to the MSETG are required no less than 90 days prior to the proposed date of the event. Presentation requests to the MSETG should be received in writing a minimum of 120 days and are accepted up to one-year prior to the proposed date of the event.

Requests should be addressed to:  
Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency  
Mayor's Special Events Task Group  
2720 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE, 2nd Floor  
Washington DC 20032  
Fax on (202) 715-7288

Learn more:  
DC HSEMA Guide to Planning a Special Event  
MSETG Special Events Calendar

#### Block Parties

HSEMA issues permits for temporary street closing for neighborhood block parties. Parties may apply for a permit by completing an application with signatures from 51% of the residents and business owners on the block(s) to be closed. A rain date may be requested as part of the application.

An original copy of the completed application should be returned to HSEMA. Completed applications cannot be faxed because original signatures are required. HSEMA will process the application and submit it to the appropriate agencies for approval. Fifteen working days are required to process the application.

Applications and signature sheets can be picked up at:  
Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency  
2720 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20032

For more information, please see:  
Neighborhood Block Party Temporary Street Closing Application  
Neighborhood Block Party Temporary Street Closing Petition  
Neighborhood Block Party Temporary Street Closing Procedures

## DC Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR)

### Parks & Recreation Facilities Permits

Are you interested in reserving a DC park space or a room in one of DPR's recreation centers for a birthday, class, training, volunteer drive, special event, or other occasion?

Contact:

DPR General Use & Special Events Permits Office

1250 U Street NW

Washington, DC 20009

Phone: (202) 671-0297

Fax: (202) 671-2796

Email: [DPRpermits@dc.gov](mailto:DPRpermits@dc.gov)

## DC Department of Public Works (DPW)

### Bulk Trash/Yard Waste Collection

#### Bulk Trash

DC Department of Public Works collects large, bulky items by appointment from residential households that receive DPW trash collection service. These households include single-family homes and residential buildings with three or fewer living units. Call the Mayor's Citywide Call Center at 3-1-1 to make an appointment, which is usually available within seven to 10 days of your call. Up to seven items may be collected at one time. Customers with more than seven items may request additional appointments. Bulk items are picked up at the same place you set out your regular trash.

#### Acceptable Bulk Items:

Air conditioners (drain water and fluids)  
Hot water heaters  
Household furniture  
Large toys (kiddie pools, playhouses, swing sets)  
Major appliances, e.g., refrigerators (doors removed)  
Mattresses and bed frames  
Rugs (MUST be rolled and tied)

For more information, visit [DPW online](#).

#### Unacceptable Bulk Items

Books, Tires  
Bricks, Ceiling tile, Drywall  
Construction Materials  
Demolition materials  
Dirt, Tree stumps  
Hazardous and/or liquid waste  
Household trash or garbage  
Small tree limbs (tie & place with regular trash)

#### Yard Waste

DPW collects up to five bags (per week) of yard waste from residences that receive DPW trash and recycling collection services. Yard waste is bagged leaves, grass clippings, weeds, bulbs, twigs, pine cones, and uprooted plants. Bundles of branches and limbs should be tied into four-foot lengths.

For more information, visit [DPW online](#).

Additional resources:

[How to Manage Leftover Paint](#)





## Solid Waste Education and Enforcement Program (SWEEP)

Keeping DC clean is a team effort involving city government, residents and businesses, and DPW provides the tools for everyone to get on board. The Solid Waste Education and Enforcement Program (SWEEP) is responsible for sanitation education and enforcement and provides a variety of services to District residents to combat illegal dumping, clean up vacant lots, and support neighborhood clean ups.

### Neighborhood Clean-Up Projects/Vacant Lots

DPW helps community groups that organize neighborhood clean-up projects through the *Helping Hand Program*. The program lends tool kits that include five rakes and brooms, two shovels, and 20 trash bags. A \$20 refundable deposit is required for all tool kits loans. DPW can also provide community groups with graffiti removal kits and compost. Residents may obtain compost between March and October from the Ft. Totten Transfer Station, 4900 John F. McCormack Road, NE, Saturdays only from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Finally, DPW will send trucks to collect the bagged trash and a SWEEP inspector will collect the tool kit.

To receive an application for a Helping Hand tool kit for your neighborhood clean-up project, please call the Mayor's Citywide Call Center at 3-11. When the clean-up date is confirmed by a Helping Hand Coordinator, a control number will be assigned for tracking purposes, the event will be added to the Helping Hand calendar, and the tool kit will be delivered.

### SWEEP Jr.

DPW recognized that many youth had no year-round opportunity to meet their community service hours needed for graduation from high school and created SWEEP Jr. Young people participate in weekend clean-up and beautification projects and enrichment events, where they earn their service hours and gain leadership, organizational and interpersonal skills.

To learn more about the program and/or enroll, call (202) 645-7190.

### Vacant Lots

Vacant lots often attract illegal dumping, which attracts rats and mosquitoes, if standing water is present. Children playing on these lots also can be injured. DPW works with other government agencies to keep these properties clear of weeds and trash. If you see a vacant lot in need of clearing, please call the Mayor's Citywide Call Center at 3-1-1. Property owners are usually given two weeks to resolve a problem after they receive notice. If action is not taken, DPW will clean the site and bill the property owner for the work.

For more information, visit DPW online.

### Litter & Graffiti Prevention

DPW's unique litter and graffiti prevention program, *Not in OUR DC! Pledge to Keep the Capital Clean*, targets youth, ages 13 to 19, and provides tools to become "agents of change" in their families, neighborhoods and schools.

For more information, visit DPW online.

## District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)

### Volunteer in or with DC Public Schools & students

The DCPS Office of Family & Public Engagement welcomes volunteers who want to use their skills and resources to help our students succeed. We've got a wide range of volunteer opportunities for you.

### Process for Becoming a Volunteer

Volunteers who work directly with students on a regular basis are required to complete our clearance process. There are three steps:

**Download and complete the Volunteer Application.**

Volunteer Application

Student Volunteer Application

Volunteer Application (Español)

**Complete a tuberculosis (TB) test with a physician.**

(College/University Student: Request to Waive TB Test)

**Bring the application and TB test result to our office where you will be fingerprinted.**

If you already have active federal security clearance, please complete the federal security clearance verification letter in lieu of having DCPS fingerprint you. All volunteers will be supervised by DCPS personnel.

Please Note: Volunteers for Beautification Day or other weekend or one-day service events are not required to complete the clearance process.

For more information, visit the DCPS Office of Family and Public Engagement online.

## National Parks Service

### National Mall & Memorial Parks Permits

The National Mall and Memorial Parks Division of Park Programs issues approximately 4,000 permits per year, including those for public gatherings (special events and demonstrations), and filming and photography. The permit system is intended to help assure, to the extent possible, that the multitude of activities that may be taking place on any given day will not conflict with each other or with general visitor activities.

Please Note: All applications, unless determined to be a First Amendment activity, must be accompanied by a \$50.00 payment for initial processing.

Location: 900 Ohio Drive SW, Washington DC 20024

Hours: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., holidays excepted.

Contact: (202) 245-4715

Learn more:

National Mall & Memorial Parks Permit FAQs

National Capital Region Guide: Requirements for Special Events held on Parkland



# For a Good Cause: Host a Drive for a Local Organization

Food, clothing, toys – even blood – drives are easy to organize and are a great way to pull together a company, team, congregation, student body or any group to make an impact. You can host a supply drive to benefit many local nonprofits and community-based organizations, including:

## American Red Cross

<http://www.redcross.org/>

Hosting a blood drive with the Red Cross is a lifesaving partnership. A Red Cross representative will work with you every step of the way to help make your drive a success.

Learn more about hosting a Red Cross blood drive.

## Bread for the City

<http://www.breadforthecity.org>

The mission of Bread for the City is to provide vulnerable residents of Washington, DC with comprehensive services, including food, clothing, medical care, and legal and social services, in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. Bread for the City has special wishes for their programs and clients. If you can grant any of the wishes below, or wish to put on a Wish List Drive to collect multiple items at your home, office, school, or place of worship, please contact Kristin Valentine at (202) 386-7613.

Learn more about hosting a donation drive for Bread for the City.

## Capital Area Food Bank

<http://www.capitalareafoodbank.org>

Capital Area Food Bank's (CAFB) mission is to feed those who suffer from hunger in the DC Metropolitan Area by acquiring food and distributing it through their network of member agencies; and to educate, empower and enlighten the community about the issues of hunger and nutrition. Food drives play an important role in the food bank's mission to feed those who suffer from hunger.

Learn more about hosting a food drive for the Capital Area Food Bank.

## Central Union Mission

<http://www.missiondc.org>

Central Union Mission is a faith-based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with four locations throughout the Washington area. It operates an 18-month rehabilitation program for men with life-controlling issues, a free meals program, a clothing and furniture distribution center, and a 220-acre retreat center with a camp for underprivileged children and recreation facilities for the community.

Learn more about in-kind donations to Central Union Mission.

## DC Central Kitchen

<http://www.dccentralkitchen.org>

DC Central Kitchen turns leftover food into millions of meals for thousands of at-risk individuals while offering nationally recognized culinary job training to once homeless and hungry adults. DCCK staff are available seven days a week to pick up food. They use refrigerated vans, train staff members to be "Serv-Safe" certified food handlers, and can provide containers to donors.

Learn more about hosting a donation drive for DCCK.

## Food & Friends

<http://www.foodandfriends.org>

Along with nutrition counseling, Food & Friends prepares, packages and delivers meals and groceries to more than 2,800 people living with HIV/AIDS, cancer and other life-challenging illnesses throughout Washington, DC, Maryland and Virginia. By leading a food drive benefiting Food & Friends, you will make an impact on the lives of clients living with life-challenging illnesses.

Download the Food Drive Planning Kit for a list of frequently asked questions, appropriate items, suggestions on getting started and more.

## Martha's Table

<http://www.marthastable.org/>

Martha's Table's mission is to help at-risk children, youth, families, and individuals improve their lives by providing educational programs, food, clothing, and enrichment programs. Martha's Table accepts food, clothing and household item donations.

Learn more about donating to Martha's Table.

## Sasha Bruce Youthwork

<http://www.sashabruce.org>

The mission of Sasha Bruce Youthwork is to improve the lives of runaway, homeless, abused, and neglected and at-risk youth and their families in the Washington area. SBY achieves this by providing shelter, counseling, life skills training and positive youth-development activities to approximately 1,500 youth and 5,000 family members each year. SBY always has a need for canned or non-perishable food items, hygiene items (deodorant, shaving materials, soap, shampoo, etc.) and new baby items (diapers, wipes, socks, etc.).

Learn more about hosting a donation drive for SBY.

## SOME (So Others Might Eat)

<http://www.some.org>

SOME (So Others Might Eat) is an interfaith, community-based organization that exists to help the poor and homeless of our nation's capital. They meet the immediate, daily needs of their clients with food, clothing, and health care, and break the cycle of homelessness by offering services, such as housing, job training, addiction treatment, and counseling, to the poor, elderly and individuals with mental illness.

Learn more about donating to SOME.

## Marines Toys for Tots Foundation

<http://www.toysfortots.org/>

Marine Toys for Tots Foundation is the fundraising, funding and support organization for the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

Learn more about becoming a drop-off location in DC.

# Who Needs a Publicist?

Online + Local Tools to Find Volunteers + Promote Your Project

## Online Resources

### Craigslist

<http://www.craigslist.org>

Craigslist is an online, community-moderated, free local classified listing and forum. You can post or search for volunteer opportunities by area, including the Greater Washington, DC Metro, District of Columbia, Northern Virginia and Maryland, and by keyword.

DC-area local volunteer listing.

### Idealist

<http://www.idealist.org>

Idealist is an online resource that connects people, organizations, and resources to help build a world where all people can live free and dignified lives. You can post or search for volunteer opportunities by location, date, time commitment, area of focus and more.

### VolunteerMatch

<http://www.volunteermatch.org/>

VolunteerMatch offers a variety of online services to support a community of nonprofit, volunteer and business leaders committed to civic engagement. You can post or search for volunteer opportunities by location, key words, and area of focus.

### All for good

<http://www.allforgood.org/>

All for Good's mission is to facilitate volunteerism and community service. They host a custom volunteer opportunity search engine powered by the largest database of volunteer opportunities online. All for Good's volunteer opportunities database includes many prominent non-profit partners, as well as smaller, grass roots-based organizations. You can post or search for opportunities by location, key words, and area of focus.

## Community Resources

### HandsOn Greater DC Cares

<http://www.greaterdccaes.org>

HandsOn Greater DC Cares is the region's largest volunteer coordinator. HandsOn Greater DC Cares works with a network of more than 900 nonprofits, 43,000 volunteers and a host of corporate and foundation partners to make positive impact on the DC region. You can complete an online profile and brief orientation to become a member, which gives you access sign up for volunteer projects and learn about programs.

Learn more about becoming a HandsOn Greater DC Cares volunteer and member.

# Icing on the Cake!

## Funding + Free stuff to Bring Your Idea to Life

### America the Beautiful Fund

<http://www.america-the-beautiful.org>

### Operation Green Plant: Free Seeds

To request a grant of vegetable, flower and/or herb seeds: write a short letter describing your project; fill out the application, which can be downloaded online; enclose a check for shipping and handling; and mail your letter, application and check to Operation Green Plant.

Learn more about "Operation Green Plant."

### DoSomething.org

<http://www.dosomething.org>

### \$500 Do Something Grant

With a goal of 5 million active members by 2015, DoSomething.org is one of the largest organizations in the U.S. for teens and social change. Are you working to start a community action project or program? Are you looking for funding to take your successful project or organization to the next level? DoSomething.org gives out a \$500 Do Something Seed Grant every week to help young people just like YOU!

Learn more about the Do Something Seed Grant.

### National Gardening Association

<http://www.garden.org/>

### Kids Gardening Grants

For more than 35 years, the National Gardening Association (NGA) has been working to renew and sustain the essential connection between people, plants, and the environment. Since 1982, NGA has delivered 9,596 grants and awards worth approximately \$3.96 million, reaching an estimated 1.6 million young gardeners.

Learn more about NGA grant opportunities.

### Usher's New Look Foundation

<http://ushersnewlook.org>

Usher's New Look Foundation certifies young people in four leadership pillars – talent, education, career and service – to ensure their success. "Powered By Service" is a youth-led, curriculum-based training where young people learn to identify their interests and passions, explore issues they face in their community and learn to identify the root cause of the problem. Micro-grants are available to support youth projects.

Learn more about "Powered by Service."

### Youth Service America

<http://youthserviceamerica.org>

Youth Service America (YSA) improves communities by increasing the number and the diversity of youth serving in substantive roles. YSA provides various funding opportunities, through grants and awards geared toward youth, educators, service-learning coordinators, and program partners.

Learn more about YSA grant opportunities.

# Ready, set, serve!

## online Tools & Resources to get Your Planning On

### Get Your Good On

<http://www.geturgoodon.org/>

Started in 2009 by Youth Service America and Miley Cyrus, Get Ur Good On™ is an online network for youth to support each other in their missions to do “good” in their communities. Featuring celebrity involvement, multimedia platforms, and grants and awards, it's the place for youth to learn, implement, and share innovative solutions to global issues.

Learn more about Get Ur Good On.

### Handson Network

<http://www.handsonnetwork.org>

HandsOn Network is the largest volunteer network in the nation and includes more than 250 HandsOn Action Centers in 16 countries. HandsOn includes a powerful network of more than 70,000 corporate, faith and nonprofit organizations that are answering the call to serve and creating meaningful change in their communities. HandsOn Network offers easy-to-use online tools and resources designed to make an impact.

Learn more about the HandsOn Network.

### Youth Handson & Scholastic: Clifford “Be Big” Campaign

<http://www.scholastic.com/cliffordbebig>

Youth HandsOn and Scholastic have come together with everyone’s favorite Big Red Dog, Clifford, to help children participate in service-learning in a way that underscores the development of individual and community character and helps everyone have fun. Be Big! is a national campaign that invites everyone, big and small, to use Clifford’s Big Ideas to help make the world a better place.

Download the Be Big! Service Project Guide for Children.

### United We Serve

<http://www.serve.gov/>

United We Serve is a nationwide service initiative that helps meet growing social needs resulting from the economic downturn. This initiative aims to expand the impact of existing organizations by engaging new volunteers in their work and encourage volunteers to develop their own “do-it-yourself” projects. Serve.gov is your online resource for finding and creating your own volunteer opportunities in your community.

Learn how to turn your idea into successful service project with United We Serve’s do-it-yourself toolkits.

### Youth Service America

<http://youthserviceamerica.org>

Youth Service America (YSA) improves communities by increasing the number and diversity of youth in service. YSA has online resources, including toolkits, curriculum, webinars, posters, and media plans, to help youth plan service projects around Global Youth Service Day, an annual campaign that celebrates and mobilizes the millions of youth who improve their communities each day of the year through service; and Semester of Service, which links prominent national service events through a service-learning framework.

Learn more about YSA tools and resources.

Global Youth Service Day Resources

Youth Service Institute

**DC Department of Transportation (DDOT)**  
<http://ddot.dc.gov>

Transportation Online Permit System (TOPS)  
<https://tops.ddot.dc.gov>

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)  
<http://bit.ly/ddotopsfaq>

Common Permit Applications & Requirements  
<http://1.usa.gov/ddotpermits>

DDOT Urban Forestry Administration  
<http://1.usa.gov/ddoturbanforestry>

Apply for a Tree Permit  
<http://1.usa.gov/treepermit>

Become a Canopy Keeper: Adopt a Tree  
<http://1.usa.gov/canopykeeper>

Tree Planting & Routine Tree Service  
<http://1.usa.gov/treeservice>

**DC Homeland Security and Emergency  
Management Agency (HSEMA)**  
<http://hsema.dc.gov/>

Mayor's Special Events Task Group (MSETG)  
<http://hsema.dc.gov/service/special-events>

HSEMA Guide to Planning a Special Event  
<http://bit.ly/hsemaeventguide>

MSETG Special Events Calendar  
<http://bit.ly/msetgcalendar>

Block Party Permits  
<http://bit.ly/blockpartypermits>

**DC Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR)**  
<http://dpr.dc.gov>

DPR General Use & Special Events Permits Office  
<http://1.usa.gov/dprpermits>

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<http://dpw.dc.gov>

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<http://1.usa.gov/dpwbulktrash>

Yard Waste Collection  
<http://1.usa.gov/dpwyardwaste>

How to Manage Leftover Paint  
<http://1.usa.gov/leftoverpaint>

Solid Waste Education & Enforcement (SWEEP) Program  
<http://1.usa.gov/dpwsweep>

Not in OUR DC! Pledge to Keep the Capital Clean  
<http://bit.ly/notinourdc>

Litter & Graffiti Removal  
<http://1.usa.gov/dcgraffiti>

**District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)**  
<http://dcps.dc.gov>

DCPS Volunteer Application (y en Español)  
<http://bit.ly/dcpsvolunteer>  
<http://bit.ly/dcpsvolunteeresp> (Spanish/Español)

DCPS Student Volunteer Application  
<http://bit.ly/dcpsstudentvolunteer>

College/University Student: TB Test Waiver Request  
<http://bit.ly/dcpstbwaiver>

DCPS Federal Security Clearance Verification  
<http://bit.ly/dcpsfedclearance>

DCPS Beautification Day  
<http://bit.ly/dcpsbday>

DCPS Office of Family & Public Engagement  
<http://bit.ly/dcpsvolunteers>



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<http://www.nps.gov/>

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<http://1.usa.gov/npspermits>

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<http://1.usa.gov/npspermitfaq>

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<http://1.usa.gov/npseventguide>

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<http://bit.ly/redcrossblood>

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<http://bit.ly/breadforthecity>

Capital Area Food Bank Food Drives  
<http://bit.ly/dcfoodbank>

Central Union Mission Donation Drives  
<http://bit.ly/centralunionmission>

DC Central Kitchen Food Drives  
<http://bit.ly/dccentralkitchen>

Food & Friends Food Drive Planning Kit  
<http://bit.ly/foodandfriends>

Martha's Table Donation Drives  
<http://bit.ly/marthastable>

Sasha Bruce Youthwork Donation Drives  
<http://bit.ly/sashabruce>

SOME (So Others Might Eat) Donation Drives  
<http://bit.ly/soothersmighteat>

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Do Something \$500 Seed Grant  
<http://dsorg.us/dosomethinggrants>

National Gardening Association Kids Gardening Grants  
<http://www.kidsgardening.org>

Usher's New Look Foundation "Powered By Service"  
<http://bit.ly/usherservice>

Youth Service America Grants  
<http://bit.ly/ysagrants>

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<http://bit.ly/geturgoodon>

HandsOn Network Tools & Resources  
<http://bit.ly/handsontools>

Scholastic "Be Big! Service Project Guide for Children"  
<http://bit.ly/bebigguide>

United We Serve Do-It-Yourself Toolkits  
<http://1.usa.gov/servicetoolkits>

Youth Service America Tools & Resources  
<http://youthserviceamerica.org/resources>  
<http://youthserviceamerica.org/institute>  
<http://gysd.org/resources>



## About serve DC – The Mayor's Office on Volunteerism

Serve DC is the District of Columbia Government agency dedicated to promoting service as an innovative, sustainable solution to meet community needs.

Serve DC supports District communities with grant funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, including facilitating public, private and government partnerships, leading national volunteer and service initiatives, providing free training and resources, engaging residents in meaningful service opportunities and helping community-based organizations strengthen their capacity to address the challenges we face as a community and a nation.

We encourage you to contact us to learn more about how we “Serve DC” and how you can get involved:



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