



United Way's Volunteer Connection

*Dates in red are formally organized through Volunteer Connection and open for agencies to propose projects and participate. [www.volunteerdayton.org](http://www.volunteerdayton.org) will have all timelines for events and eligibility criteria under the "Agency Toolkit." We hope you will join us!*

## **2009 DATES IN VOLUNTEERISM**

**January 19**

***MLK Day of Volunteering***

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

*With "Make it a day ON... Not a day off!" as its slogan, this commemoration is designed to keep Dr. King's legacy of service to others alive in communities across the country. The day of service is scheduled on his nationally-recognized birthday holiday.*

**February 8-15**

***Random Acts of Kindness Week***

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

**March 30-31**

***Forging New Links Conference***

**April 19-25**

***National Volunteer Week; Celebrating People in Action***

**April 24-26**

***Global Youth Service Days***

[www.gysd.net](http://www.gysd.net)

*Annually 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in April; Occurs each year immediately following National Volunteer Week and celebrates the positive contributions that millions of young people are making in their communities. Major sponsors are Youth Service America and Parade magazine.*

**May 2**

***Join Hands Day***

*America's Fraternal Benefits Societies*

*Annually first Saturday in May*



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**May 20**  
**MVAVA Conference @ WSU**

**June 5**  
**United Way's Day of Action**  
[www.volunteerdayton.org](http://www.volunteerdayton.org)

*Annually first Friday in June; This event is an annual day of volunteerism mobilizing hundreds of local volunteers to complete community service projects throughout Montgomery, Greene and Preble Counties. Our volunteers are individuals and groups from local companies, organizations and the community. All ages, including youth and adults, are welcome to participate as volunteers in this event.*

**June 22-24**  
**National Conference on Volunteering and Service**

**July 18**  
**Mandela Day**  
<http://www.mandeladay.com/>

*An annual celebration of Nelson Mandela's life (started in 2009) and a global call to action for people to recognize their individual power to "make an imprint" and change the world around them -- by giving 67 minutes of volunteer service.*

**August/September**  
**Berry Extreme Community Makeover will fall during this month**

**September 11**  
**My Good Deed Day**  
<http://www.mygooddeed.org/>

*Sponsored by a coalition of national organizations to establish September 11 as a voluntarily observed national day of service, charity, and compassion to honor the victims of the terrorist attacks on America. Pledges of service can be registered on their Web site.*

**October 18-24**  
**Kids Care Week**

*Kids Care Week is dedicated to recognizing the power of kids to reach out and help others in their local community. During the week, young people focus their compassion on a specific social issue through a service project.*

**October 23-24**  
**Join Hands Miami Valley**



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[www.volunteerdayton.org](http://www.volunteerdayton.org) (local)

<http://www.usaweekend.com/diffday/> (national)

*This is a local partnership for Make a Difference Day – which is a national day of engaging members of the community in volunteer and service efforts.*

**November 13-15**

***First Baptist Kettering Student Ministries “Engage”***

*Weekend Servanthood Retreat (other churches invited to attend)*

**November 1**

***International Volunteer Manager Day***

<http://www.volunteermanagersday.org>

*Take time out to celebrate and acknowledge the work of volunteer managers – a global profession which facilitates and supports the work of millions of people – directly making our communities, countries and our world a better place in which to live.*

**November 13**

***World Kindness Day***

**November 21**

***Family Volunteer Day; National Family Volunteer Day - the Saturday before Thanksgiving (USA)***

<http://disney.go.com/disneyhand/familyvolunteers/>

*Designed to showcase the benefits of families working together in service to the community and encourage those who haven't yet made the commitment to volunteer as a family. National Family Volunteer Day is co-sponsored by HandsOn Network and The Walt Disney Company and kicks off National Family Week.*

**December 5**

***International Volunteer Day***

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