



PROGRAM UPDATES

Apply for the Service in Schools Service-Learning Institute! (Deadline: Monday, October 5)



Educators collaborate on a project during last year's Service-Learning Institute

Educators are invited to apply for the [Service in Schools Service-Learning Institute](#), an exciting opportunity to participate in three (3) full-days of professional learning focused on developing best practices for implementing service-learning in your classroom and developing a culture of community service in your school. The Service-Learning Institute will be led by international service-learning expert Cathryn Berger Kaye, President of CBK Associates, and is appropriate for service coordinators and teachers of grades K-12 in all content areas. The three (3) day series will take place on October 26, February 9, and April 4 providing participants with time to implement what they learned in between sessions. Each session will have a different focus, with each building on the last. Session topics include: The Foundations of Service-Learning: Best Practice, Developing a Unit of Study with Service-Learning Integration, and Creating a Culture of Service through Documentation and Readiness. An emphasis will be placed on applying service-learning

to 21st century skills. Please click [here](#) for more information and to apply.

Attend the Service in Schools Partner Fair! (Wednesday, October 14)

[Service in Schools](#) is excited to kick off the school year with the 3rd annual Service in Schools Partner Fair for educators. At the event, educators will meet and network with community-based and non-profit organizations that can support them in building a culture of service and service-learning in their school community. Free resources will be available and light refreshments will be served. For more information, please see this [flyer](#). The Service in Schools Partner Fair will take place at the Forchelli Center at Brooklyn Law School (205 State Street, Brooklyn, NY) on Wednesday, October 14 between 3:00 and 6:00pm. Click [here](#) to register.



Educators meet representatives from service organizations at last year's Partner Fair

PROGRAM UPDATES (CON'T)

Apply for a Service in Schools \$1,000 Service-Learning Grant! (Deadline: Friday, October 30)

In an effort to further engage and support schools in service-learning and school-led service, Service in Schools invites educators to apply for a \$1,000 service-learning grant to be directed towards a service project(s). Grant monies can be allocated to supplies, transportation, per session, or partnering with external organizations. Service in Schools is looking for proposals that are student-led, apply classroom content/curriculum to community needs, develop students' responsibility, critical thinking, decision-making, collaboration, leadership, and reflection skills, and have potential to make significant impact on students, their school, and the community at large. Please note that an individual school can only receive one Service-Learning Grant. For more information, and to apply for a Service-Learning Grant, click [here](#).

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Elementary Schools Can Apply Today for a Service in Schools Kids Care Club Grant!

(Deadline: Friday, October 30)

In an effort to further engage and support elementary schools in service-learning and school-led service, Service in Schools invites educators to apply for their school (grades K-5) to receive a \$500 grant to build a Service in Schools Kids Care Club at their school. Selected elementary schools (grades K-5) will receive on and off-site support and guidance from Service in Schools, in partnership with generationOn, to initiate and sustain the club's activity, including project ideas and opportunities for action. Further, Service in Schools club facilitators will benefit from professional development and networking opportunities to maximize club impact and student engagement. Grant monies can be allocated to club collateral, supplies, transportation, per session, or partnering with external organizations. For more information, and to apply for a Service in Schools Kids Care Club Grant, click [here](#).

CURRENT AND UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Step Out to Stop Diabetes Walk (Sunday, October 11)



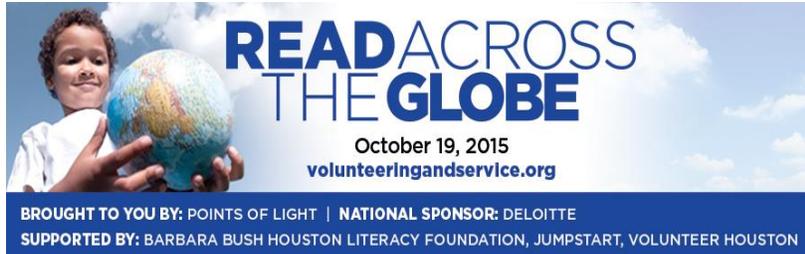
The [American Diabetes Association](#) is looking for walkers and volunteers for the Step Out to Stop Diabetes Walk on Sunday, October 11. Students are invited to volunteer for this event, which seeks to raise money to fight and stop diabetes. The available volunteer positions include registration, cheerleading, and managing the kid's zone. There will be prize giveaways as well. Participate in this positive event that raises awareness for the 29 million people in the United States that are affected by this disease. Step Out takes place at Pier 84 in Manhattan. For more information, please click [here](#).



Volunteers give their time to support the American Diabetes Association in stopping diabetes

CURRENT AND UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES (CON'T)

Read Across the Globe (Monday, October 19)



[Read Across the Globe](#) is a historic reading event held in effort to raise awareness of the worldwide literacy crisis. One of the goals of the initiative is to set a new Guinness World Record for most children read to by an adult in 24 hours. Participate by registering

[here](#) to volunteer to read to a child. For questions about becoming a Guinness World Record partner, contact [Della Jones Fried](#).

New York Cares Youth Service Clubs (Ongoing)

[New York Cares](#) is looking for new high school partners for their Youth Service Club Program. Participating schools get monthly customized community service projects for groups of up to 15 students, along with monthly issue education sessions and an invitation to their annual Youth Service Conference. New York Cares has partnerships with 1,500 non-profit organizations that are in need of volunteer support. Join them and help meet that need. There is an annual program fee of \$2,000. For more information and an application, click [here](#).



UNICEF Global Action: Increase Civic and Global Competence (Ongoing)



Educators can sign their class up for the [UNICEF Global Action](#) workshop, a free, half-day emergency simulation centered on the humanitarian crisis in the Sahel region of Africa. This immersive experience deepens understanding of global human rights issues and prepares students to take meaningful action in response. Educators receive ongoing professional development and curricular resources to incorporate global learning into their teaching practice. Suggested for grades 5-8. To learn more and register, click [here](#).

CURRENT AND UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES (CON'T)

Register to Participate in the Lead2Feed Service-Learning Program (Ongoing)

[Lead2Feed](#) is a free leadership curriculum for grades 6-12 with a service-learning component. The program, designed in either a 6 or 10-lesson track, can be incorporated into most classroom subject areas or during after school club meetings. Students work through the lessons and apply their learning by designing and implementing a project to fight hunger or any need in their community. Projects can be entered into Lead2Feed's Challenge for awards of up to \$25,000 to the charity chosen by the students, and up to \$17,000 in technology grants for your school. Lead2Feed's program is aligned with Common Core State Standards and 21st Century Skills. Register online [here](#) to become a member of the Lead2Feed community and receive resources that support and compliment the program. All materials are free. Once registered, Lead2Feed will send you a free copy of the leadership book, *Taking People with You*, by David Novak. For questions, email [Debby Dodge](#).



The Congressional Award – U.S. Congress' Award for Young Americans (Ongoing)

The Congressional Award is the U.S. Congress' Award for Young Americans. It is a non-partisan, voluntary and non-competitive program open to all 14- to 23-year-olds. Youth may earn certificates or medals (Bronze, Silver and Gold) depending on their attainment in four areas: Voluntary Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness and Expedition/Exploration. This award is a great opportunity for students to set and accomplish goals and challenges. The award is self-paced. Earning the Award is a fun and interesting way to get more involved in something youth already enjoy or something they would like to try for the first time. The Congressional Award has no minimum grade point average requirements. It accommodates young people with special needs or disabilities who are willing to take the challenge. For further information and to register, please click [here](#) or contact [Kirsten Gooden](#).

RESOURCE HIGHLIGHTS

Launch Your New School Year with Service Learning!

Cathy Berger Kaye, author of *The Complete Guide to Service Learning* and international service-learning consultant, emphasizes the importance of connecting learning with service in her recent blog post, *Launch Your New School Year with Service Learning!* In the post, Kaye discusses the importance of the heart in education in conjunction with the mind, and how this connection can help make your teaching more effective and meaningful.

Read the full post [here](#). Interested in reading more of Kaye's blogs? Click [here](#) for past posts.



RESOURCE HIGHLIGHTS (CON'T)

The Service Learning Project

[The Service Learning Project](#) (SLP) is a New York City-based civic engagement program for public school students in grades K-12. SLP staff are available to co-facilitate service-learning projects with classroom teachers, or to train and provide technical assistance to school staff. The SLP model is student-driven and challenges students to identify a social problem in their community, work together to come up with a solution, create a plan of action, and reflect on what they learned through the experience. For more information, visit the SLP website [here](#).

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CONTACT THE SERVICE IN SCHOOLS TEAM

Does your school have a great service project to share? If so, the Service in Schools team wants to know!

Invite the Service in Schools team to visit your service project. We want to see your students and school community in action. Email the Service in Schools team at ServiceinSchools@schools.nyc.gov with two weeks' notice and we'll schedule a visit to your school to learn about your project and see the impact you're making on the community.

Mission: Service in Schools strives to expand the number of NYC students engaged in transformative community service and service-learning experiences that enable them to use their voice, skills, and critical thinking to strengthen communities.