

## PROGRAM NEWS + HIGHLIGHTS

### Service-Learning Kickoff Conference

Service in Schools gathered nearly 70 educators from across all 5 boroughs for the Service-Learning Kickoff Conference on November 21! Attendees participated in service-learning workshops, led by [generationOn](#) and [Lead2Feed](#), and met with community partners. Monique Darrisaw-Akil, Executive Director, NYCDOE Office of School Programs and Partnerships, and Diahann Billings-Burford, Chief Service Officer of NYC Service, provided opening remarks sharing background on the Service in Schools Initiative and the value of service-learning.



Above: Educators talk with NYC Service at the Community Partner Fair.

**Missed the Conference?** Not to worry! Click [here](#) for the PowerPoint and handouts from generationOn's "Making Service-Learning a Priority" (K-12) and "I.P.A.R.D.E" (K-5) workshops.

### A special thank you to the participating community partner organizations!

Common Cents, generationOn, Generation Citizen, Global Potential, Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots, Lead2Feed, New York Cares, NYC Service, Students for Service, and Youth Service Opportunities Project

## SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

### This Thanksgiving, P.S. 186 Gives Back

This fall, P.S. 186 in Brooklyn went above and beyond to ensure 55 Bensonhurst families in need received a complete Thanksgiving dinner. In partnership with the NIAExpanded after-school program, P.S. 186 raised \$1,100 and donated more than 30 food cartons to Reaching-Out Community Services (RCS), a nonprofit that supports low-income New Yorkers by providing them with food and social services. P.S. 186 students worked hard, creating flyers and fundraising for donations and food. Students spoke proudly of their experience, knowing the difference and contribution they made within their own community. Click [here](#) to read more on P.S. 186's service story.



Below: P.S. 186 students and staff onsite at the RCS food pantry.

## CURRENT AND UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

### Apply for the \$1,000 Service-Learning Grant (Apply by January 17, 2014)

Do you have a great service project in mind for your students and school community? Looking for funding to help you in seeing this idea to fruition? In an effort to further engage and support schools in service-learning and school-led service, the Service in Schools initiative invites your school to apply for a [\\$1,000 service-learning grant](#) to be directed toward a service project(s). Additionally, schools selected to receive the Service in Schools service-learning grant will gain automatic entrance for the chance to do a service project with the cast of *The Amazing Spider-Man 2*!

To apply for a service-learning grant, click [here](#).



Above: Students from the Spider-Man Day of Service help beautify their community.

### Can you make change for \$10,000? (Apply by January 30, 2014)

MetroPCS asks high school juniors and seniors to pitch their best service idea to #MakeChange in their community for a chance at a \$10,000 college scholarship and \$10,000 more to fund the community service project. Get started at [LeadersandScholars.com](#).

*The MetroPCS Leaders & Scholars Program was created to support and reward local New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut high school students who excel in the classroom, provide leadership to their fellow students and aspire to make change in their local communities.*

### Invite the Fire Department of the City of New York (FDNY) to your school for a free CPR training! (Ongoing)

FDNY's mobile CPR unit is seeking out middle and high schools to participate in a free bystander CPR training session. Participating students will receive a key chain tag with a bar code that allows individuals to record the use of their CPR skills, access to a free CPR smartphone app, and a take home "Be 911" instructional DVD and lifesaving skills. To schedule a CPR training session for your school, or to learn about sessions you can attend, click [here](#) or email Chief [Ann Fitton](#). *CPR Training is a key initiative of NYC Service and the FDNY, designed to save lives and empower trainees with a new "blank" they can give to others.*

## RESOURCE HIGHLIGHTS

### Youth Service America, Semester of Service

Youth Service America's *Semester of Service* program is a school-based service-learning curriculum that gives students the opportunity to address their communities' greatest needs through service-learning in the classroom. This school-based program is for educators in grades K-12. Click [here](#) for more information and resources on how to initiate a *Semester of Service* in your school community. Visit YSA's [Teacher's Guide](#) to implement the *Semester of Service* model and strategies for your students to respond to the issue of childhood hunger.

### National Youth Leadership Council

The National Youth Leadership Council is a leading resource in service-learning. NYLC offers youth development programs and services that support educators in service-learning. Click the following links for: [professional development webinars](#), [resource library toolboxes](#), and [project resources](#).

### generationOn

generationOn is the global youth service movement igniting the power of all kids and teens to make their mark on the world. Register [here](#) to gain full access to the website resources. You can also find archived webinars and upcoming professional development opportunities [here](#).

### Lead2Feed

Lead2Feed is a turn-key, service-learning program that teaches proven leadership skills while encouraging students to serve their communities and the world. Lead2Feed is free to any teacher or classroom grade 6-12 and includes a 10-lesson curriculum aligned with Common Core State Standards. Projects can be entered in the World Hunger Leadership Challenge for prizes up to \$25,000 per charity. Complete details, including resources and videos, can be found at [Lead2Feed.com](#). Over 1,500 teachers participated last year – won't you join us this year? Teachers in grades 6 – 12 can register [here](#) to participate.

## CONTACT THE SERVICE IN SCHOOLS TEAM

**Does your school engage in great service? If so, the Service in School team wants to know!**

Share your Service Story:

Email a summary and photos of your service story to Elizabeth Benjamin at [ebenjamin2@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ebenjamin2@schools.nyc.gov) and your school could be featured in next month's newsletter's "School Spotlight" section.

Invite the Service in Schools team to visit your service project:

We want to see your students and school community in action! Email Elizabeth Benjamin at [ebenjamin2@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ebenjamin2@schools.nyc.gov) with two weeks notice and we'll do our best to visit your school to learn 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.