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AMERICAN VOLUNTEER SERVICE MARKS SEPTEMBER 11 FOR 9/11 MEMORIAL

HONOURING THE VICTIMS AND HEORES

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USPA NEWS - The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) leads this nationwide effort that pays tribute to and honours the victims and heroes of that day of 11 September. Senior Administration officials joined thousands of Americans to commemorate the 9/11 anniversary through volunteer service.

This year, thousands of volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are expected to join their neighbours in all 50 states and the District of Columbia to build affordable housing for veterans and military families, prepare care packages for military service members, revitalise schools, educate citizens on disaster preparedness, organise food drives, and more.
“In the aftermath of September 11th, we came together as a country to show that we are there for each other,“ said Wendy Spencer, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service, who will join volunteers and national service participants at service projects across the D.C. region. “Service can be a healing experience, and I am honoured that so many Americans are dedicating a day to give back. Through volunteering, we can make a difference in the lives of families and transform communities on the September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance and every day.“
Cabinet secretaries and senior Administration officials will participate in service projects and memorial events across the country, many of which will be led by AmeriCorps members.

LIST OF THE PRESENT TO THE MEMORIAL ANNIVERSARY : They all have confirmed their presence----------
Secretary of Education Arne Duncan will join Public Allies AmeriCorps members at Quinn Chapel, the oldest surviving African American church in Chicago, Illinois, to clean up the streets around the chapel and plant nine flower baskets to honor the nine victims of the recent shooting at the Emanuel African Methodist (AME) Church in Charleston, South Carolina.“¨ “¢ Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson and Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell will participate in memorial commemoration events hosted by the National Park Service and 9/11 families in Shanksville, Penn. on Thursday and Friday.“¨ “¢ Carla Koppell, chief strategy officer for USAID, will serve at Martha´s Table in Washington, D.C., to help prepare meals for McKenna's Wagon.“¨ “¢ Doug Kramer, deputy administrator of the Small Business Administration, and Carrie Hessler-Radelet, director of the Peace Corps, will join thousands of volunteers, including AmeriCorps members and Senior Corps volunteers, on the National Mall to pack meals for struggling seniors, including veterans and first responders, at an event hosted by A Celebration of Service and the AARP Foundation.“¨ “¢ Marie Therese Dominguez, administrator for the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration at the Department of Transportation, and director of AmeriCorps Bill Basl will join City Year AmeriCorps members and sixth graders from Leckie Elementary School to volunteer at the Capital Area Food Bank. “¢ Director of AmeriCorps VISTA Paul Monteiro will serve alongside AmeriCorps members and volunteers at Food & Friends to prepare food and pack meals and groceries that will be delivered to those in need the following day.“¨ “¢ Elizabeth Littlefield, president of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), and Dana J. Hyde, CEO of the Millennium Challenge Corporation, will join AmeriCorps program leaders and members and community volunteers at A Wider Circle to organise clothes, furniture, and toy donations and will help clients in the career center.
The September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance is the culmination of efforts started by 9/11 family members and support groups to establish the service day as a way to honour victims and heroes of 9/11. CNCS, the federal agency for volunteering and service, was charged to lead the September 11th Day of Service and Remembrance through the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, which passed with strong bipartisan support and was signed into law by President Obama in 2009.

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