



# In Service to Others

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# Baseline Service Requirement

- 1 service activity per year – must upload evidence to form in EngageXU
- Goal: 80% of club / org members should attend
  - Participation can span across multiple events
- The service activity can count as a program
- Service should be easily integrated!
  - Community Action Day, tabling for a philanthropic fundraiser, letter writing for a cause, etc.

# Understanding the “why” behind service



**discover**  
DEVELOP | LEAD

# Can service be harmful?

- Means to end approach
- Populations are stereotyped & misunderstood
  - Needs are defined as deficiencies
- Short-term relationships are inevitable
- Action without intention

# Principles of Good Practice for Combining Service and Learning

- ☐ Responsible actions for the common good
- ☐ Careful matching of providers and needs
- ☐ Involvement of those with needs in defining the service
- ☐ Sustained commitment (if possible)
- ☐ Reciprocal relationships with diverse populations
- ☐ Sense of humility
- ☐ Critical reflection on activities

# Questions to Ask

- What are the organization's goals?
- What resource are they to the community?
- What's the impact we will make?
- What's the commitment for your club?
  - Driving distance
  - Weekday/weekend
  - Volunteer capacity

# Take 5 to Reflect



- What skills can your members give to service?
- What experience would you like members to take away from service?
- What is a relevant cause or organization that connects to your club's overall purpose?

## AY 2024 Examples

- Accounting Society – Volunteer Income Tax Experience (VITA)
- Physics Club – FIRST Robotics Competition
- Alpha Psi Omega (Nat'l Theatre Honor Society) – Flowers From your Fans
- Ohio Innocence Project – Cornhole Tournament benefitting the Berry-Godsey Phoenix Initiative

# Accountability through Reflection

- Encouraged or led by leadership
- Individual or group; informal or formal
  - Examen, journaling, convo in the car on the way home
- Brief, but intentional
  - Zoom in (personal), then zoom out (societal)
- Consider incorporating service in feedback surveys
  - Examine personal growth, connection to goals/mission, quality of partnership, etc.



# On-Campus Plug Community Action Day

- Organized by the Center for Faith and Justice
- Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 9 am – 1 pm
  - Site Leader Training 10/8 and 10/9
- Local sites are selected for you
- Breakfast, lunch & reflection included

## Agree / Disagree

- My perspective on service changed as a result of this session
- I am energized to serve with my club or org
- I have ideas about causes that match my club or org's mission
- I feel better prepared to meet the baseline service requirement

Thank you!  
Questions?