

Our Values of Service

- ***Service is community-building*** strategy, harnessing the energy of a few to the benefit of many;
- ***Service is a*** state- and nation-building strategy , cultivating a sense of ***community*** identity and greater common purpose;
- ***Service is a*** problem-solving strategy, ***extending*** the effort and energy of full-time professionals with the vision and sense of mission ***offered by*** part- or full-time volunteers;
- ***Service benefits those who serve, in terms of improved well-being, health outcomes, skills acquisition, and increased civic responsibility;***
- ***Service is a*** cornerstone of ***learning***;
- ***Service builds mutual understanding, empathy, shared purpose, and the likelihood of future engagement;***
- ***Service is a means of increasing diversity and inclusion;***
- ***Service is an opportunity to expand resources, increasing the likelihood of producing tangible outcomes;***
- ***Service generates social connections through participation;***
- ***Service fosters a strong sense of meaning, mattering, and resilience for participants and by building bridges within communities.***

Our Convictions of Service

- Service is a fundamental building block of a civil society;
- Service is a strategy for solving a range of community, ***state, federal, and global*** problems;
- Service varies in intensity from part-time volunteerism to full-time ***compensated*** service;
- Service, when it is well-conceived and implemented, can be a cost-effective complement to the work of professionals;
- Service includes a range of activities performed by different people using different means, ***leading to a sense of inclusion through shared experiences;***
- ***Service represents pooled resources to get more done;***
- Service is a lifelong ***commitment*** that can be most easily acquired early in life;
- Service works ***well*** when [it is community-led and government-supported;] ***private-public partnerships thrive;***
- Service is ***foundational to the American identity;***
- ***Service builds a better future.***