

**YBAA Day of Service:
Strengthening our Communities through Access
Brainstorming Guide**

Below are examples of ways you can engage volunteers for the Yale Day of Service. As you plan remember it is important to ask community members/ organizations what they need and what would be helpful to their work. When possible, we encourage you to reach out to your local Yale Club or other organizations to explore ways you might partner together on this initiative.

Direct Service Opportunities

- Partner with a local school or after school program
 - Partner with a local high school to host a mock interview day for college seniors, for example
- Visiting a Senior Center
 - Reading with Seniors or leading other activities
- Serving a meal at a local community kitchen
- Visiting with or planning an event for patients at a hospital

Indirect Service Opportunities

- Donate goods to a local non-profit
 - Examples: Books to an area after school program, canned goods to a local food pantry, hygiene packs to a homeless shelter
- Stocking shelves at a food bank
- Community Beautification Projects
- Raising funds to support a community partner organization/ agency
- Making cards to be sent off to veterans or active duty soldiers

Advocacy & Awareness Opportunities

- Hold a community conversation
 - Bring community members and community partners together for a conversation on a particular topic of interest (food security, the achievement gap, access to health care)