

**Message from Kathy Greenlee, Assistant Secretary for Aging  
Join Us in Recognizing the National Day of Service and Remembrance**

September 11, 2010 is the third National Day of Service and Remembrance. This special day, created by the families of those who lost loved ones on 9/11, is recognized in the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act signed into law by President Obama in April 2009.

The National Day of Service and Remembrance is a day to honor those who perished that tragic day, thank those courageous heroes who stepped forward to help, and salute the brave men and women who are defending our freedom at home and abroad. On this day, Americans of all ages and backgrounds will stand together to engage in meaningful service to, for and with others.

I would like to ask you join the Administration on Aging in recognizing this special day by giving some of your time to help others. You can do almost anything for your Day of Service event. You can create your own project or find existing volunteer opportunities. No matter what sort of service you choose to do, the important thing is to get involved, inspire others, and show everyone in your community that service is one of America's greatest traditions and has the power to change lives.

There are a number of websites which will help you find volunteer opportunities in your community on 9/11 and throughout the year. These sites will help you create your own volunteer opportunities, provide inspiring stories or allow you to share your own experiences.

- **United We Serve** – 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance <http://www.serve.gov/sept11.asp>. This website, managed by the Corporation for National and Community Service, provides links and other resources for volunteer opportunities.
- **ServiceNation** <http://www.servicenation.org/start> is a national campaign to increase service opportunities and elevate service as a core ideal and problem-solving strategy in American society.

**AoA Civic Engagement Webpage**

[http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/AoA\\_Programs/Special\\_Projects/Civic\\_Engagement/index.aspx#resources](http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/AoA_Programs/Special_Projects/Civic_Engagement/index.aspx#resources) is a resource for volunteer opportunities, including volunteer opportunities assisting seniors.

I encourage you to create new service projects, to find service projects in which you may want to participate and to share stories about projects that are making a difference in your community. Please share stories with us that we can highlight on the AoA website.

Please go to

[http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/Press\\_Room/For\\_The\\_Press/medadv/Share\\_Story.aspx](http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/Press_Room/For_The_Press/medadv/Share_Story.aspx).