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

September 11, or 9/11, will be the fourth National Day of Service and Remembrance. This special day, established into law in the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act 2009, is consistent with President Obama's overall call to service, United We Serve. I ask you join the Administration on Aging in recognizing this special day by giving some of your time to help others.

On 9/11 we will continue to strengthen our country and foster a new wave of active and engaged citizens of all ages and walks of life. We expect more than 1 million Americans to participate in Day of Service projects in their communities across the nation.

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.

Here are websites to help you find volunteer opportunities in your community on 9/11 and throughout the year. They will help you create your own volunteer opportunities, provide inspiring stories or allow you to share your own experiences.

- United We Serve is a national gateway to volunteer opportunities and tools for creating your own volunteer experiences. <http://www.serve.gov/sept11.asp>.
- AoA Civic Engagement Webpage provides additional resources for volunteer opportunities, including those focused on assisting seniors. http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/AoA_Programs/Special_Projects/Civic_Engagement/index.aspx#resources.

I encourage you to share stories about projects that are making a difference in your community 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.