



National Volunteer Week, along with Global Youth Service Day (April 23-25, 2010), offers an excellent opportunity for individuals and groups of all ages to engage in—and further instill the ethic of—community service. The Massachusetts Service Alliance is proud to promote volunteer and service activities throughout the Commonwealth, and we encourage all citizens of Massachusetts to engage in service to their communities. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities in your area, you can utilize the MSA's [Connect & Serve](#) statewide web portal.

Established in 1974, National Volunteer Week has grown exponentially in scope each year since, drawing the support and endorsement of all subsequent U.S. presidents, as well as governors, mayors, and other respected elected officials.

National Volunteer Week is about inspiring and encouraging people to seek out imaginative ways to engage in their communities. It is about demonstrating to the nation that by working together, in unison, we have the capacity to meet our challenges and accomplish our goals. National Volunteer Week is about taking action, encouraging individuals and their respective communities to be at the center of social change—discovering and actively demonstrating their collective power to foster positive transformation.

Organizations interested in hosting volunteer opportunities during National Volunteer Week or Global Youth Service Day can contact Jeff Stokes at jstokes@mass-service.org for further information, and are encouraged to visit the Hands On Network's National Volunteer Week 2010 [resource page](#), as well as the Global Youth Service Day website at <http://gysd.org/>.