

TIPS ON ORGANIZING YOUR 'MUSLIM SERVE' DAY OF SERVICE

- 1. IDENTIFY PEOPLE TO SERVE WITH.** Find a group of people to serve with. Brainstorm a list of your friends from your community/mosque/campus and/or local organizations who would be interested in participating in a "Muslim Serve" event on 9/11. Be creative with the building of your team!
 - Reach out to neighboring mosques, Islamic schools, local MSAs, etc. and find out if there are service events already scheduled to happen in your community!
 - You can also contact interfaith and faith-based organizations to who are already doing work in your community or holding regular service events and dialogues.
- 2. IDENTIFY & ORGANIZE YOUR SERVICE PROJECT.** Identify a need within your community where you are able to serve. Whether you are supporting a community garden, reading to children, organizing a clothing drive, or volunteering at a local food bank, the service event should be an activity that allows multiple people to contribute. For ideas and resources on ongoing service projects:
 - Visit the MuslimServe Facebook page – <http://bit.ly/muslimserve2010> – to see what other people are planning and to share your project.
 - Utilize the search engine on www.serve.gov to find out about planned community service projects in your local area.
 - Contact local service and civic organizations (e.g. YMCA, Habitat for Humanity, Kiwanis, Office of Service Learning on a college campus, etc.)
- 3. SPREAD THE WORD.** Reach out to your family, friends, and social networks so we can all organize hundreds of service projects all around the country on 9/11.
 - Visit our Facebook Fan Page to share what you'll be doing to serve your community and your neighbors on 9/11 – <http://bit.ly/muslimserve2010>.
 - Utilize the sample press release on the MuslimServe Facebook page to notify your local media outlets about how you'll be serving your community and your country on 9/11 as a reflection of your Islamic values.
- 4. ACT!** On 9/11, serve your community through your service project and/or by participating in local commemorations of 9/11.
 - Consider facilitating an informal conversation with your group to reflect on your service experience.
 - Discuss the larger context of your project and why it matters to the community and the people that you serve.
- 5. TELL YOUR STORY.** Report back to tell us the story of your service event either by registering your event on <http://bit.ly/muslimserve2010> or emailing muslimserve@gmail.com.
 - Take pictures and videotape your event so you can share it with others via social media and/or through blogs.
 - Consider writing an op-ed about your experience for your local newspaper to share what motivates you to serve your community on 9/11 and in honor of the end of Ramadan.