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NATIONAL DAYS OF SERVICE NETWORKING SESSION

1. How many AmeriCorps Programs in your group currently participate in two or more National Service Days each year?

Four

2. Brainstorm possible projects that could be implemented on your group's National Service Day that could easily be implemented by large and small AmeriCorps Programs across the state.

- Breakfast
- Performance
- March
- Essay Contest
- Book Drive (did before to end on MLK day)
- Youth leader contest – propose a project (get youth together and have them think of projects)
- Joining with other projects
- Community service big day – build bookcases, organize closets, painting workshop and discussion.
- Locate projects in the community and recruit family, students and community to join it.
- All NYS pick one cause – everyone collects for Earthquake refugees, etc. everyone does something for that.

3. What strategies would you use to promote your event in your local community to your key partners, and to the state/nation?

- Easier with a single message (multiple groups with a unified message)
- E-mails, flyers, local newspapers, local city government – mayors volunteer center, community boards
- Invite a friend
- Press releases
- Leverage where you work
- Special announcements
- PTA's
- Post on volunteer website
- Invite key figures
- Asking someone of high profile to announce it
- Press release: Governor's Office – Mayors – invite them

4. What public and/or private partners would be critical to engage to ensure the success of your event? How would you engage them?
 - Chambers of commerce
 - Business Associations
 - School Administration/Other Orgs
 - Local regional volunteer centers
 - United Way
 - Campus compact
 - Young professionals nonprofits.org
5. Would your event require the use of additional volunteer resources? If so, what organizations would you reach out to in order to meet those needs?
 - Yes – United Way, Supermarkets, Home Depot
 - Discount on essentials
 - Food and clothing pantries
 - People to pick up food
 - Central location
6. Provide a rough budget for your event including a total projected cost?
 - \$0 - \$5,000 – Discussed that to keep costs low, donations would be sought
7. Can you engage VISTA, Learn & Serve America and/or SeniorCorps Projects in your event? If so, how?
 - Collect food
 - Publicizing it
 - Collecting with the participation of volunteers
 - VISTA to connect with community needs.
8. What technical assistance or resources would you need for your event that the State Commission could provide?
 - Publicity
 - Public connections – Governor Patterson (NYS will raise X lbs of food)
 - Connectionbet.projects
 - New cabinet position
9. How would you complete an evaluation of your National Service Day event?
 - Pounds of food collected or estimate
 - Assign one person to evaluate people during event