





April 2025 NJ Celebrates Global Volunteer Month!

















THE DOS WAY

EPISODE THREE: APRIL 2025 Global Volunteer Month Discussion with Linda Rivera, Caroline McFarland, Michelle Francesconi, and John Santana





Check out the latest Episode of The DOS Way! In this episode, Lt. Governor Tahesha Way rounds out April, Global Volunteer Month, by speaking with her guests about how New Jersey supports volunteers and the opportunities for residents to get involved and join this great work. This episode features:

Linda Rivera, Deputy Director from The New Jersey Governor's Office of Volunteerism

Michele Francesconi, Vice President of Capacity Building, Training & Strategic Initiatives from the Volunteer Center of South Jersey, a Program of **Jersey Cares**

John Santana, Director of Strategic Partnerships & Operations, United Way Greater Mercer County

Caroline McFarland, AmeriCorps New Jersey Member - Watershed Ambassador for Watershed Management Area 12, the Monmouth Watersheds.

Listen here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=drR7TxescAU

NJ Volunteer Opportunities



Reflections InterACTive Summer Experience for Teens

Eco Fair Event Help The 7th Annual Great Jersey City Cleanup Special Event: Spring Fundraiser Gala (Prep) Veteran to Veterans Hospice Volunteers Needed Spanish Speaking Homework Mentor Music Entertainers/Singers Ongoing Food Bank Volunteer Virtual Advocacy Opportunity

Book Buddies

Closter Nature Center Greeters

Mother's Day Weekend Art Retreat

Food Bank of South Jersey

Special Event - Fireflies and Faeries

Dementia-Friendly Theater Volunteers

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Volunteer Spotlight: Jersey Cares







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Earlier this month, Jersey Cares kicked off the first of many Youth Service Events for the year, bringing together volunteers ages 4-18 and their families for a hands-on evening of impact. Volunteers worked side by side to decorate pollinator houses to be donated alongside a variety of flower seeds for a local community partner. Their creativity, commitment, and collaboration demonstrated that youth can play a meaningful role in shaping vibrant, thriving communities. Events like these not only help address community needs but also inspire the next generation of leaders across New Jersey.

NJ Volunteerism Joins ASC in Atlanta











NJ's Volunteerism Team traveled to Atlanta, GA earlier this month for the in-person 2025 National Service Training, hosted by America's Service Commissions (ASC). The team came together with national service program colleagues, state and territorial service commission staff, AmeriCorps agency colleagues, and volunteer engagement partners for an educational and inspiring training opportunity. The opening plenary featured a performance by Sesa Wo Suban drum corps of Youth Villages Inner Harbour and a fireside chat about AmeriCorps alums with Think For Good's Tray T.S. Deadwyler and Service Year's Maureen Eccleston.

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