



## The many reasons to participate...

### Benefits for Fraternal Benefit Societies and Other Participating Clubs & Organizations

- Increase member involvement.
- Meet and attract potential members.
- Build a stronger program.

### Benefits for Communities

- Address neighborhood problems.
- Develop youth/adult bond.
- Connect diverse groups of people.

### Benefits for Youths

- Make important decisions about problems affecting your community.
- Develop leadership, communication and organization skills.
- Do something good for others.

### Benefits for Adults

- Grow through a new and important experience.
- Learn how to work effectively with young people and make new friends.
- Gain satisfaction by addressing community problems and helping others.

## JOIN HANDS DAY

Always the first Saturday in May

### Open to Everyone:

- Fraternal Benefit Societies  
Clubs • Lodges • Groups • Individuals  
Congregations • Businesses  
Youths and Adults Volunteering Together



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To learn more about JOIN HANDS DAY  
and to plan your project, contact:

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# JOIN HANDS!

Held on the first Saturday in May,

JOIN HANDS DAY is celebrating 10 years as the fraternal national day of service when youths and adults work together to plan and implement projects that benefit their local communities. On this day, fraternalist — and all Americans — reach across generations and develop new friendships, while improving conditions right in their own neighborhoods.

JOIN HANDS DAY gives Americans the opportunity to reach out to people they don't know, to connect generations and to develop new relationships. JOIN HANDS DAY is also the only day on the national Seasons of Service calendar that targets and develops youth/adult relationships through neighborhood volunteering.

**America's Fraternal Benefit Societies** are the creators and sponsors of JOIN HANDS DAY. These not-for-profit organizations are a unique, charitable force of nearly 10 million people in 37,000 local chapters, making it one of the nation's largest member networks. Fraternal benefit societies provide their members with leadership, social, educational, spiritual, patriotic, scholarship, financial and volunteer service opportunities. America's fraternal benefit societies are represented by their own trade association, the National Fraternal Congress of America ([www.nfcane.org](http://www.nfcane.org)).



Operating in America for more than 150 years, fraternal benefit societies long have demonstrated their fraternal purpose through a commitment to volunteer service.



VISIT [WWW.JOINHANDSDAY.ORG](http://WWW.JOINHANDSDAY.ORG)  
TO FIND OUT MORE

# PLAN YOUR PROJECT.

Use this checklist to get started on your JOIN HANDS DAY project. For a detailed Action Guide, go to the JOIN HANDS DAY Web site at [www.joinhandsday.org](http://www.joinhandsday.org).

## Project Planner Checklist

- Learn about JOIN HANDS DAY and America's fraternal benefit societies.
- Find a partnering group(s).
- Build an equal partnership between youths and adults.
- Select a project.
- Plan the project and set a timeline.
- Be prepared for unexpected risks or accidents.
- Tell the media about your project.
- Use the JOIN HANDS DAY logo correctly on materials.
- Purchase and hand out JOIN HANDS DAY signs and other merchandise, such as T-shirts, baseball caps, etc. (optional).
- Register your project online at [www.joinhandsday.org](http://www.joinhandsday.org).



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