

Why participate in JOIN HANDS DAY?

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

Youths and Adults
Volunteering Together

Open to Everyone

Fraternal Benefit Societies
Clubs • Lodges • Groups • Individuals
Congregations • Businesses

JOIN HANDS DAY

The First Saturday in May

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and to plan your own project, contact:**

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What is JOIN HANDS DAY?

Held on the first Saturday in May, JOIN HANDS DAY is the fraternal national day of service when youths and adults work together to plan and implement projects that benefit their local communities.

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 also is 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

- Contributed almost **\$3.17 billion** toward charitable programs in the past 10 years.*
- Volunteered approximately **780 million hours** during that same time period.
- Represent **10 million adults, children, teens and seniors in 36,000 local chapters**, who could be your partners on JOIN HANDS DAY.

Our Sponsors

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 36,000 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.nfcenet.org).



Operating in America for more than 150 years, fraternal benefit societies long have demonstrated their fraternal purpose through a commitment to volunteer service. Combined, they've contributed almost \$3.17 billion to charitable and fraternal programs during the past decade. In addition, fraternalists volunteered more than 780 million hours toward community-service projects in that same time period.

JOIN HANDS DAY calls upon fraternalists — and all Americans — to reach across generations and develop new friendships, while improving conditions right in their own neighborhoods.



Create Your Own JOIN HANDS DAY Project

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 the project (before and after the activity).

Use this checklist to get started on your JOIN HANDS DAY project. For a complete Action Guide, go to the JOIN HANDS DAY Web site at www.joinhandsday.org.



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*Based on data compiled and published annually by the National Fraternal Congress of America.