



COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES

Sponsored by the 2012 Major Reunion Classes and the APGA

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Demonstrating ongoing alumni commitment to “Princeton in the Nation’s Service and in the Service of All Nations,” many major reunion classes and the Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni (APGA) have organized Community Service and Engagement Initiatives leading up to and during Reunions 2012:

- To go along with their 15th Reunion theme, the **Class of 1997** is collecting sporting goods to donate to the Boys & Girls Club of Trenton (<http://www.bgctrenton.org/>). The Class of 1997 is specifically supporting their Summer Sports Camp with donations of new (or gently used) balls, shoes and clothes. Their goal is to collect at least 97 items! Items for donation include: soccer balls, basketballs, volleyballs, tennis balls, footballs and dodge balls; sneakers and cleats for ages 7 and up; jerseys, athletic shirts, shorts and athletic socks for ages 7 and up. Look for the donation bin at the reunions check-in tent! If you would like to participate from the comfort of your own home or cannot travel with a basketball in your luggage, the Class of 1997 has created a “Wish List” at Amazon for your convenience: http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/12X0BKBG9IGM4/ref=cm_sw_su_w. Questions? Contact Kristin Epstein '97, kcalyea@alumni.princeton.edu.
- The **Class of 1992** is sponsoring a morning of community service at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) and is calling all of their classmates to don their chef hats on Friday morning, June 1, to complete this TASK. Volunteers will serve lunch and stock the food pantry. Children must be at least 13 years old to participate, and volunteers should wear comfortable clothes and closed toe shoes (i.e. no flip-flops). This activity will be from 10:30am to 12:50pm and classmates will carpool from campus to the soup kitchen in Trenton. If you are interested in attending or have questions, please contact thandi_onami@yahoo.com.
- The **Class of 1987**, celebrating its 25th Reunion, is managing the third annual Princeton University Reunions Run (PURR), an event inaugurated in 2010 by the Class of 1985. Proceeds from the 2012 PURR will benefit the Princeton Young Achievers after school tutoring program and the World Wildlife Fund’s Tiger Initiative. The 2012 PURR will occur on Saturday, June 2 at 8:30 a.m. at West Windsor Fields. To register, please visit www.active.com.
- The **Class of 1982** is launching two service projects during Reunions. The class will begin a campaign to raise \$82,000 as initial capital for the “’82 Opportunity Fund,” to be invested in several established Third World micro-enterprise projects. These revolving funds provide repayable loans to small ventures like women-owned basket businesses,



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and other indigenous commerce in countries where operating capital is tight or minority operators do not qualify for funding. The Class of '82 will also begin collecting entries to the "82 I-Serve" database. Through their Facebook page and website, the class will inventory the personal community service project involvement of each classmate, with a goal of 75% participation by the 35th reunion.

- As they come together for their 35th reunion, the **Class of 1977** remains committed to community service at the local and international levels. To foster the sharing of "best ideas" and inspire service, the class has added a "local initiatives" section to their website where classmates can tell why and how they are involved in their local communities. The Class of '77 also continues the work that they have done every year since their 25th reunion, supporting secondary students in Guatemala with scholarships through the PAVA Foundation. In addition, this year, classmates have donated almost \$100,000 for the purchase of wheelchairs. In August, thirty class members will travel to Peru to distribute the wheelchairs along the Central Andean Railroad, at the Presidential Palace in Lima and at the site of the Peruvian Declaration of Independence in Huará.
- The **Class of 1972** will be embarking on two Reunion-specific community service projects in partnership with the **Class of 2012**. The classes will be collecting bikes to give to the Boys and Girls Club of Trenton. They will also be collecting old eyeglasses, both prescription and non-prescription, to be donated to New Eyes for the Needy (www.neweyesfortheneedy.org), an organization located in Short Hills, NJ that refurbishes and donates used eyeglasses to needy people all over the world.
- At Reunions 2012, the **APGA** is focused on Orange Going Green! The APGA and ABPA have partnered with Planet Green, an organization helping non-profits and schools raise funds by recycling print cartridges, cell phones and small electronics (iPods/mp3 players, digital/video cameras, calculators, GPS, video game consoles, etc.). Drop boxes for donations will be located at APGA Headquarters in Whig Hall, the Alumni Association in Maclean House and Frist Campus Center (Level 100 near Café Vivian). All proceeds from Planet Green will be donated to Isles (<http://isles.org/>), a non-profit community development and environmental organization founded by students and faculty of Princeton that fosters self-reliant families in healthy sustainable communities. For more information, visit http://www.planetgreenrecycle.com/participants/index.php?customer_id=8812.