



COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES

Sponsored by the 2013 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 2013:

- The **5th Reunion** is going back and giving back! The **Class of 2008** is collecting used technology to donate to the local community. Class members will bring old phones, iPods and tablets to the registration tent for the Student Volunteers Council to use for projects in Trenton. Tablets will support ongoing tutoring programs, iPods will be used for music therapy at a local rehabilitation center, and any tools that the SVC cannot use will be donated to local organizations or recycled properly.
- The **Class of 2003** set up hands-on community service projects in 11 cities across the nation during National Volunteer Week with the goal of living out Princeton’s service mantra in advance of their 10th Reunion. Scores of classmates attended events that included conducting mock high school and internship interviews for middle school students at the East Harlem School in New York; preparing a meal for the hundreds of homeless at Miriam’s Kitchen in Washington, DC; walking in Project Bread’s Walk for Hunger in Boston; tree mulching in Wicker Park in Chicago; bowling to raise money for foster children in Seattle; climbing 63 stories as part of the American Lung Association’s Fight For Air Climb in Los Angeles; and cleaning up the Wissahickon Creek outside of Philadelphia. To learn more about ’03’s inspiration, visit <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2012/04/09/presidential-proclamation-national-volunteer-week-2012>.
- The **Class of 1998** is helping the area’s children put their best food forward on the first day of school next year. Class members are coming together to donate upwards of 100 backpacks stuffed with school supplies for local kids in need. Backpacks will be distributed through Princeton University’s Community House, where the children will receive tutoring and tennis instruction. Classmates are filling the backpacks at the Lentz Tennis Pavilion on Friday afternoon. In line with its 15th Reunion tennis theme, the class hopes to “even the score” and help close the achievement gap in education.
- The **Classes of 1993 and 2013** will be working together to paint a mural for the El Centro community center in south Trenton. During the Friday of Reunions, volunteers from the two classes will paint mural panels designed by a local Trenton muralist and kids from El Centro’s afterschool program. The mural will then be taken and installed at El Centro.



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- As a warm-up to Reunions, a dozen members of the great **Class of 1988** rolled up their sleeves to put new fencing around a large vegetable garden that helps to feed the residents of Anderson House, a local halfway house for women with alcohol and drug addiction issues. Friday at 1:30 PM, the Class of '88 will complete "Art for Anderson House." Join in painting individual 4 x 4" canvas boards to be mounted and framed as creative mosaic boards and gifted to Anderson House to beautify the residence facility.
- Join this **Class of 1978** Foundation-sponsored mission to work alongside the students of YouthBuild USA Isles (<https://youthbuild.org/>) (founded by former Princeton Trustee, Marty Johnson '81) to improve a Trenton urban garden and give the city's 80,000 residents access to locally grown produce instead of what is available in Trenton's only supermarket! Transportation will be available to and from the project, and box lunches will be provided. Contact David Abromowitz (dabromowitz@goulstonstorrs.com) for details. Remember your gardening clothes! Or, you can donate gardening tools (such as shovels and rakes) and new or lightly used business work clothes that might fit 16 to 24-year old men and women for YouthBuild's students' job interviews and work after graduation. Please bring donations to the box at '78's Cuyler Courtyard Blockbuster 35th Reunion headquarters.
- The **Class of 1958** is giving back to a most needy population: inmates in New Jersey prisons. A survey with the Department of Corrections indicated that classroom supplies are most needed; and according to the Petey Greene Prisoner Assistance Program, education reduces recidivism and these supplies will help inmates study and work more efficiently. As a result, '58 is asking all classmates to bring supplies of paper, pens, pencils, folders, projectors and calculators (or a \$20 donation) to their tent for collection.
- In the interest of providing a feeling of home to families going through tough times, the **APGA** will be collecting hotel toiletries to benefit Ronald McDonald House's Family Rooms (<http://www.rmhc.com/what-we-do/ronald-mcdonald-family-room/>), which provide a place for families with sick children in the hospital to rest and regroup just moments away from their sick child. Start saving your hotel toiletries and help provide these families with some of the comforts of home. Collection bins will be located at the APGA Tent and Registration area at Whig Hall.