COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES
Sponsored by the 2016 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 humanity,” 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 2016:

The Class of 2006 is sponsoring the incoming 6th grade class at John Witherspoon Middle School in Princeton, NJ. We will be providing 325 children with a book (Escape From Mr. Lemoncello’s Library by Chris Grabenstein) from their summer reading list and will also host a story hour during reunions. For more information, visit the Class of 2006 website: www.princeton2006.com and to support the project, please visit: https://www.gofundme.com/PU06xWitherspoon.

In honor of Jimmy Stewart ‘32 and his wonderful movie, the Class of 2001 will celebrate what we’re grateful for and the eternal truth that “No man is a failure who has friends.” Book donations (a nod to Mary Hatch’s library in the film) for HomeFront NJ are very welcome. Let’s be there with bells on!

The Class of 1996 is proud to support our neighbors, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Mercer County, NJ. The Clubs provide over 2,300 youth in Mercer County with social and academic enrichment to improve youth outcomes and close the achievement gap. Our alumni and their families can fund, pack and decorate critical summer supplies for the 450 youth that attend the Boys & Girls Club Summer Camp. These supplies will ensure a safe and fun time for all the excited boys and girls to enjoy Camp.

The Class of 1991, along with the Classes of 1990, Class of 2011 and the APGA, invite the entire campus community to join them, Friday, May 27 at Dillon Gym from 9:30 AM-1:30 PM, with the Kids Against Hunger Coalition to help assemble 40,000 meals to be distributed to local, national, and international families in need. Adults and children of all ages are welcome (kids under 10 must be accompanied by an adult). The cost of meals will be subsidized by your voluntary donations (just $28 feeds 100 people!) and proceeds from the Princeton University Reunions Run (PURR). Use this link to register for Kids Against Hunger Coalition Meal Packing Project or to donate: http://reunions.princeton91.com/kahc. Questions? Contact PURR@reunions.princeton91.com.

The Class of 1991 would like to ALL Returning Tigers, their families, and friends are eligible and encouraged to run in the PURR, which is a 5K run/walk hosted by the 25th Reunion Class. The PURR is a fun and family-friendly activity and raises funds for the 25th’s Community Service Project, packing meals for Kids Against Hunger Coalition. The PURR takes place on Saturday, May 30 at 8:30AM on the playing fields and cross-country course across from Lake Carnegie alongside Washington Road. Register online in advance or on race day. The cost is $30 per adult runner and $15 per child runner.
The Class of 1981 is teaming up with the YWCA Princeton and the Class of 1986 for their community service project. They’ll be rolling up their sleeves and putting in some sweat equity for the YWCA’s nearby Education Center, Bramwell House, which is being transformed into an education and technology center. Bramwell House is the site of the YWCA’s English as a Second Language Program, its summer Robotics Program (guided by our own classmate Cheryl Rowe-Rendleman ’81), weekly book clubs, and the only High School Equivalency Testing (HiSET®) Center in the area (the first in NJ certified to administer the Test in both English and Spanish). On Friday morning, May 27, volunteers can choose to help Spruce up the outdoor classroom and seating area, assemble new outdoor tables and seating, and/or help restore kitchen & dining areas. Free t-shirts will be provided to the first 50 volunteers, and tools/equipment will be provided!

In 1969, members of the Classes of 1971 and 1970 founded Community House, now part of the University’s Pace Center for Civic Engagement, to help close the achievement gap among underrepresented Princeton-area youth. Through its student-driven education programs, Community House works with students from preschool through high school, supporting their academic success and social-emotional literacy. This year, the Class of 1971 will be returning to Community House to help organize Community House space, prepare materials for the Community House Summer Camp program, and participate in conversations about college and career options with Community House students and families. The project will run from 8:30AM – 10:45AM, Saturday May 28, starting in Holder Courtyard and proceeding at 9:00AM to the Carl A. Fields Center on Prospect Avenue, where Community House student-leaders, students and families will be gathered. To register, contact co-founder John Mavros ’71 at (727) 560-0647 (cell/text) or johnmavros@alumni.princeton.edu.