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**Yale Alumni Give Back in Worldwide Day of Service on Saturday, May 9**

**New Haven, Conn. –** On [Saturday, May 9, 2014](http://yaledayofservice.org), more than 4,000 Yale University alumni will make a difference in their local communities around the world, as part of the seventh global Yale Day of Service. The program includes more than 240 sites in 37 states and U.S. territories and 18 other countries. To view a complete list of sites, please visit: <http://yaledayofservice.org/find-service-site/all-service-sites>.

Launched in 2009, the global Yale Day of Service is one of a number of service opportunities for Yale alumni to lead by sharing their time and talents to make a difference. Many alumni give back by working in the non-profit sector, sitting on boards of foundations and organizations, serving at the highest levels of government, becoming elected officials, volunteering for Yale, and sharing time, experience and energy with volunteer community projects.

The Yale Day of Service is a chance for alumni around the world to come together on one day to celebrate this tradition of service. “[I make a daily practice of asking myself, ‘How have I helped someone today?](https://youtu.be/9Btc3XlX17g)’” says Yale alumna Sonia Sotomayor ’79 J.D., associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and the honorary chair of the [2015 Yale Day of Service](http://yaledayofservice.org/), “This year I also ask, ‘How can we as a Yale family reach out and help others on Saturday, May 9?’” Sotomayor thoughts about the Yale Day of Service, recorded in a video message, can be viewed online here: <https://youtu.be/9Btc3XlX17g>

On the Yale Day of Service, alumni and their families and friends work side by side to make communities better because Yale alumni live there. Many Yale Day of Service projects are part of ongoing service efforts by local Yale Clubs or other Yale alumni organizations, a good number of which have grown out of a first Yale Day of Service effort.

Projects are led by alumni, and information on the sites is submitted through this website in January and February. While the Yale Day of Service typically takes place on the second Saturday in May, there are a number of Yale Day of Service activities that occur on other dates in the spring. This year, on Saturday, May 9, Yale alumni will gather in service at more than 200 local, national and international sites including:

* Supplying and building “Bye-Bye Bags”, snack bags given to the children at the Vogel Alcove for homeless children in Dallas
* Brainstorming a cultural master plan for the Los Angeles River in partnership with the city of LA
* Invasive species removal on Horse Island owned by Yale’s Peabody Museum
* Working to assist a children’s center in an impoverished area of Manila in the Philippines
* Restoring oyster beds in Baltimore
* Building a “play hive” at the Children’s Museum of Bozeman in Montana
* Mentoring students on college and careers in Seattle
* Processing food bank donations in Madrid

Many of these led to ongoing community service projects throughout the year.

**Members of the media are welcome at Yale Day of Service sites and are encourage to contact program coordinator Alisa Masterson in advance at** **alias.masterson@yale.edu** **or 203-432-1945, or to contact the specific site coordinator.**

**For more information on the Yale Day of Service, please visit:** [**http://yaledayofservice.org**](http://yaledayofservice.org) **and for more information on the Association of Yale Alumni, please visit: http://aya.yale.edu**

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