

The CLC Index



What Is Make A Difference Day?

Make a Difference Day is an annual event on the fourth Saturday of October that encourages individuals and organizations to volunteer and participate in community service. Created in 1992 by USA Weekend magazine and Points of Light, it became one of the largest national days of service in the United States.

History of Make a Difference Day

1992: USA Weekend and the nonprofit organization Points of Light established the day to inspire community service. For over 20 years: The event was promoted by USA Weekend and Points of Light, garnering millions of participants. After 20 years: The original sponsors ended their formal promotion of the event. Today: The tradition continues, with local organizations and communities holding volunteer events in the spirit of the original observance.

Goals of the day

Make a Difference Day promotes the idea that even small acts of kindness can create a ripple effect of positive change. Its goals include:

Uniting for a cause: Inspiring millions of people to unite and improve the lives of others.

Fostering community: Strengthening communities by bringing people from various backgrounds together to work toward a common goal.

Promoting civic responsibility: Teaching younger generations the importance of empathy, compassion, and community involvement.

Encouraging year-round service: Inspiring people to continue their volunteer efforts beyond the one-day event.

Examples of community service projects

Ways that individuals, groups, and businesses can participate include:

Volunteering: Helping at a food bank, animal shelter, or other local nonprofit organization.

Environmental projects: Organizing neighborhood cleanups, planting trees, or restoring local parks.

Mentoring: Sharing skills and knowledge by tutoring students or becoming a mentor.

Donations: Donating clothes, food, or household items to shelters, or raising money for a local charity.

Acts of kindness: Spreading kindness through small gestures, such as checking on an elderly neighbor or complimenting a stranger.

How can businesses get involved in Make a Difference Day?

Businesses can get involved in Make a Difference Day by organizing volunteer events, leveraging their resources for donation drives, or offering pro bono services to local nonprofits. Corporate volunteering not only creates a positive impact but also boosts employee morale and engagement.

Empower employee volunteering

Organize a service day: Host a company-wide volunteer day where employees participate in hands-on service. Possible activities include: Volunteering at a local food bank or soup kitchen. Cleaning up a community park or beach. Working on a Habitat for Humanity build.

Host a donation drive: Set up a collection point in the office for non-perishable food, winter coats, or school supplies. Making it a friendly competition between departments can help boost participation.

Run a skills-based workshop: Have employees use their professional skills to assist local nonprofits or community members. For example, a design team could create marketing materials for a charity, or a technology team could provide IT support.

Offer paid time off to volunteer: Show that the company values community service by providing paid time off for employees to pursue volunteer opportunities.

Launch an online fundraiser: Start a virtual campaign to raise money for a cause that aligns with your company's values. You can involve friends and family to expand your reach. passionate about.



Fairy's Facts

What a beautiful time of the year. I am thankful for the cooler temperatures and the rain.

The Wyandot County Fair is over and the children are finally getting settled in school with their routines. October is breast cancer awareness month. Please remember to stay current on cancer screenings and Doctor's visits. Prevention is always the best medicine.

Make A Difference Day is Saturday October 25. It is a national day of service. Everyone is encouraged to participate in volunteer activities in their communities. If any member or council is involved in an activity for Make A Difference Day, please send your pictures and information to theclc.org. We would like to include it in the Index.

Upper Sandusky CLC Council and the Knights of Columbus are preparing for the purse bingo to be held on October 24, at the Upper Sandusky KofC Hall. Doors open at 6. Food and beverages will be provided for purchase. All proceeds will benefit St. Peter School in Upper Sandusky and Our Lady of Consolation School in Carey. Join us for bingo and an entertaining evening to support our local children.

We celebrate Halloween at the end of October. Please watch for our little trick and treaters as they beg for treats. The Board and I wish everyone a Happy Halloween and a blessed All Saint's Day.

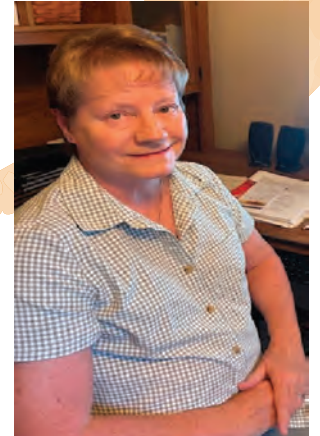
Athens Council #165 Grant Wishes!

Athens Council 165 visited Mary's House for a tour and showered them with items from their wish list. Mary's House serves expectant mothers as they learn to care for themselves and their newborn children.



Stories & Celebration In Landeck

Landeck Council #84 celebrated Ethel Schwinnen's 100th birthday with cake and birthday wishes. A delicious carry in meal was served by the committee and our members. Author Jan Romes gave an entertaining talk on "How I became a writer and where my ideas for my books come from".



ANNUAL QUARTER AUCTION!

October 14, 2025. All are welcome! Auction starts at 7PM @ the CFO Hall in Landeck, OH.

We are here when you need us!

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