Day of Caring - Frequently Asked Project Questions

How Do I Register My Project?
You can register your project online - click Project Registration under the Day of Caring Menu.

Is There a Project Minimum or Maximum?
Projects require a minimum of 2 volunteers; there is no limit on maximum size. All projects must be 4 to 6 hours in length.

Is There a Limit to the Number of Projects I Can Register?
There is no limit, but if you have multiple projects, you will need to register each project separately. This is easily done by clicking on the Project Registration link under the Day of Caring Menu.

Can I Add More Projects or Make Changes to My Registration Later?
You can register an additional project at the Project Registration link. To change (or delete) a project previously submitted, please contact Katharina Fritzler with your changes/deletions no later than August 1st.

What Types of Projects Can I Submit?
Here are some ideas as you plan your project. Be creative and have fun!

Art projects with youth	Paint a deck
Assemble kits for shelters	Paint picnic tables
Assist with a bulk mailing	Activity at a Senior Center
Build a wheelchair ramp	Weatherize a client's home
Clean a shelter	Re-organize an area
Read to seniors	Shampoo carpets
Clean up trails at a camp	Hand out food at a food bank
Give a kitchen a thorough scrubbing	Have a party/picnic for clients
Repaint exterior of a building	Sort clothing at a clothing bank
Hold a recognition picnic for volunteers	Paint a mural with kids
Plant shrubs or flowers	Teach crafts to seniors
Trim trees and bushes	Strip, wax, and buff floors

Elements of Successful Projects

- Clearly connects the work done with the organization's mission and services
- Involves work that makes a lasting impact and is hands-on; is novel, new, "happening"
- Doesn't require advanced skills

- Makes a difference and is easy in-and-out
- Is not a work project which "no one else wants to do"
- Is not routine maintenance work

Are There Any Project Restrictions?
Yes. In order to make the volunteer experience as pleasant as possible, we discourage the following types of projects:

- Telephone recruitment, telemarketing (or fundraising)
- Distributing flyers or door-to-door campaigns
- Skilled projects which require background in electrical, plumbing, carpentry, paving, roofing, or requiring any type of equipment such as trucks, tractors, bulldozers, etc.

Should I Provide Volunteer Orientation?
When your volunteer team arrives, we recommend a short orientation prior to starting your project. You may want to include staff/client introductions, agency mission, a program description, and an agency tour.

What about Lunch and Refreshments?
We strongly encourage you to provide cold drinks (water and pop) as well as lunch for your volunteers. Don't forget to thank them and feel free to take pictures of the volunteers in action; we'll be happy to post them in our picture gallery.

Who is Responsible for Providing Supplies/Materials?
Your agency is responsible for providing all the necessary supplies, tools and equipment. You can ask the team to bring everyday items they may have at their workplace or home. Examples include: garden tools, small hand tools, rakes, shovels, paint scrapers, brushes, etc.

What if it Rains?
Day of Caring is held rain or shine. It is recommended that you plan a backup project in case other projects are completed ahead of schedule or in situations where weather may play a factor. A change in weather may require a switch of plans, a move to a new location or different supplies.

I've Registered My Project...What's Next?
After you have registered your project, you will receive an email confirmation which will recap your submission. You will also receive a follow-up email of project approval.

I Have to Cancel Our Project - What Do I Do?
We understand that sometimes due to unforeseen circumstances you might need to cancel the project that you registered. If this is the case, contact Katharina Fritzler immediately so that we can assist the team in finding a new project.