What is Summer of Service?
The Do Great Things Summer of Service campaign aims to inspire our Faculty Partners and Campus Chapters to come together and support or initiate a day of service in their local communities. These service initiatives will be shared and celebrated via our website, social media and alumni magazine *New Trail* to highlight the significant impact that UAlberta alumni have in their communities.

A day of service is a fantastic way to engage and interact with your alumni!

Summer of Service Goals
- To inspire a community of alumni who “do great things”
- To encourage alumni volunteer involvement in our UAlberta Faculties and Campus Chapters
- To share the impact that alumni have in their communities
- To have fun while contributing to a great cause

How to get involved?
1. Meet as a group and decide on a service project that is meaningful to you.
2. If necessary, consult with an organization or not-for-profit you want to work with.
3. Set the date, time and location of your service project, and determine how many volunteers you will need.
4. Fill out the Summer of Service registration form online
5. Leading up to your event, coordinate with the Office of Alumni Relations to ensure you’re fully prepared for your day of service.
6. Manage your Summer of Service project on the day of.
7. Designate someone to take photographs or video to document your experience.
8. Share your story with the Office of Alumni Relations, who will help share it with the entire alumni community.
9. Provide a list of volunteers who attended your Summer of Service project to the Office of Alumni Relations for coding and survey follow-up.

Service Project Ideas
- Work in a community garden
- Plant trees with the City of Edmonton’s Root for Trees program
- Play with dogs at a shelter
- Volunteer as a group at one of Edmonton’s many festivals
- Put together a team for a charity run
- Help build a home with Habitat for Humanity Edmonton
- Clean-up litter in a park
- Host a food drive for the food bank
- Help out in a soup kitchen
- See if there are any volunteer opportunities as part of Canada’s 150th birthday at a National Park

How will the Office of Alumni Relations help?
The Office of Alumni Relations is here to help ensure your Summer of Service project is a success! Here are some ways in which we can help:
• Create a webpage for your service project
• Set up a google form to facilitate volunteer sign-ups
• Create and send emails to your alumni cohort to invite them to volunteer
• Provide you with alumni swag items to give to your volunteers (as supplies last)
• Ensure you’re adhering to volunteer management and risk assessment best practices
• Send out a thank-you email and survey to your volunteers after the event
• Share your service project outcome with the entire alumni community

Some service projects do have a cost associated with them. For example, cleaning litter in a park may require you to purchase garbage bags, gloves, water and snacks. The Office of Alumni Relations has some budget to help pay for some of these costs, and we can offer up to $200 per group (as supplies last).

Questions?
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