



Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) is an annual campaign that celebrates the millions of youth who improve their communities each day of the year through service. Celebrated in over 100 countries, it is the largest service event in the world and the only day of service dedicated to youth. The goal of GYSD is to engage youth, ages 5-25, in helping non-profits and community groups to forward their missions, as well as directly making a difference in the lives of others. Although this year it is observed April 17-19. We are celebrating **All** April.

Since 2008 Hanover Community Resources has been mobilizing and empowering Hanover youth volunteers of all ages in observance of GYSD. Although the COVID 19 virus has impacted our ability to join together physically, there is even greater importance in “giving back” and being of service in 2020.

Multiple service projects can be carried out remotely, from the comfort of our homes. Youth will be encouraged to lead their own service project or conduct one of the projects listed below to improve “our part of this world”.

## **Let’s Serve “Apart But Together”!**

### **Hanover Global Youth Service Day 2020 Youth Service Projects You Can Lead From Home!**

- **Teach someone how to stay in touch**
- **Check in on high-risk individuals**
- **Offer to help with child care**
- **Consider donating blood or encourage an adult to consider**
- **Create and share a list of your favorite books, movies, and activities**
- **Consider supporting your favorite small/local business**
- **Clean up trash along your street**
- **Volunteer with food banks**
- **Do a family project or virtual field trip**
- **Minimize misinformation**
- **Practice self-care, and help others do the same**
- **Oral History Interview**
- **Making Face Masks- or Personal Protective Equipment**
- **We’ re going on a bear hunt**
- **Submit a proposal for a community service effort to combat hunger**

For a full description of these projects, please visit the Department of Community Resources GYSD page

<https://www.hanovercounty.gov/381/Youth-Volunteer-Opportunities>

**Please answer the [GYSD Participation Survey](#) by April 30th, 2020**

If you would like to learn more about Hanover GYSD projects, contact Kristina Yager or Lisa Adkins, at the Hanover Department of Community Resources, 804-365-4300 or by email [volunteer@hanovercounty.gov](mailto:volunteer@hanovercounty.gov)