



● SPOTLIGHT

**National Neighborhood Day ~
Sunday, September 20**

Rekindle old friendships and establish new bonds with fellow community members on [National Neighborhood Day](#) (NND), celebrated across the country each year on the third Sunday in September.



The goal of NND is to reinforce local connections by fortifying relationships — because a unified community is a stronger and healthier one. Use this annual celebration to promote and increase involvement in any number of cohesion-building and civic-minded activities. Neighborhood gatherings can be a simple block party or potluck, or a more complex service project, such as a neighborhood clean-up — whatever is easy and fun to plan and carry out. As a result of your NND event, your community may see an increase in volunteering, collaboration, emergency preparedness, and adult/youth mentoring relationships.

If you're planning an event now, [share your ideas](#) so that others can benefit. And be sure to check out the [National Neighborhood Day resources site](#) for tools to help you get started and ideas to sustain the momentum throughout the year.

Nonprofit partners for NND include Campus Compact, the National Crime

● RESOURCES

More Than Neighbors: Creating Community

Why not build on the results of Neighborhood Day? Check out the list below for community resources that will help make *every day* Neighborhood Day.



Lending Library

- [Great Neighborhood Book: A Do-It-Yourself Guide to Placemaking](#)
- [Conducting Community Forums: Engaging Citizens, Mobilizing Communities](#)
- [Guide to Creating a Neighborhood Information Exchange: Building Communities by Connecting Local Skills and Knowledge](#)

Effective Practices

- [Providing childcare to increase participation in neighborhood events](#)
- [Honoring ordinary heroes through a community service project](#)
- [Generating a list of 100 ways teens can serve their communities](#)

● ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nonprofit Management Institute, Stanford University Oct. 6–7

How do you shape an effective organization during tough times? If you're like most nonprofit leaders, you are struggling with this challenge. This year's Nonprofit Management Institute program was designed to help you shape and grow your organization while dealing with the current resource constraints. Speakers are world-renowned Stanford Graduate School of Business faculty and leading practitioners in the field, including a session hosted by representatives from the Corporation for National and Community Service.



Early bird registration deadline is August 27, 2009. More details: www.ssireview.org/npinstitute

Service-Learning Grants Available from State Farm Youth Advisory Board

The State Farm Youth Advisory Board has five million dollars – that's right! – to award service-learning programs in the United States and Canada. If your students are interested in driving change within the community, they can apply to receive grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$100,000.



To apply for a State Farm Youth Advisory Board grant, visit www.statefarmyab.com/apply.php. To learn more about service-learning, visit www.servicelearning.org/.

Prevention Council, Teach for America, Youth Service America, and Network for Good. Questions? Send an e-mail to info@neighborhoodday.org.

Online Course

- [Leveraging Partnerships for Community Impact](#)

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Simple tech tip:

Hold down **SHIFT** + **ARROWS** (right or left) to highlight each letter of a document. This is quick way to cut or copy text without having to use the mouse.

RESOURCE CENTER



[RC Presentation Packet](#)

We've made it easier than ever to discover what the Resource Center has to offer, and to share it with others during any training or event!

EFFECTIVE PRACTICES COLLECTION

Effective practices define good ideas, successful strategies, and studied findings to help your program thrive. Featured practice: [Using speed matching to recruit new volunteers](#)

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