How September 11 Became a National Day of Service & Remembrance
What happened after the 9/11 attacks?

• Many Americans felt united by a desire to help those in need.

• This national moment of togetherness comforted and supported the 9/11 families.

• Those who remember 9/11 still talk about this brief moment of unity, and how it inspired them.

First responders and 9/11 families join together to honor those who lost their lives on 9/11/01.
Soon after the attacks, 9/11 families created the nonprofit “9/11 Day.”

9/11 Day’s mission: “Take the day back” and transform 9/11 from a day of tragedy into a day of doing good.

In 2009, September 11 was officially designated a National Day of Service (“9/11 Day”) under federal law.
What happens each year on 9/11 Day?

• For 9/11 Day each year, people are asked to remember by doing good deeds that help others.

• 9/11 Day has grown to become the nation's largest annual day of service in America.

• Millions of Americans, including many young people, participate by volunteering, supporting charities, or doing good deeds.
Many people have been affected by COVID, getting sick, having a loved one die, or simply being afraid.

Others have lost their jobs or can’t go to school or do the things they love because of COVID.

In what ways could the nation’s experiences from 9/11, and how people responded, help all of us cope with COVID today?
What kind of good deeds can you do?

- Donate clothing, bikes, and books
- Write thank you notes to healthcare workers
- Bake cookies for fire stations
- Make your bed; help someone with their homework
- Drop off recycling materials
- Any good deed counts!

Volunteers working with students to create craft books for 9/11 Day
Everyone can make a difference on 9/11

Find video at: https://youtu.be/g1He90rZ_w40