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## **VolunteerFest, a countywide day of service will be held on Saturday, September 11, 2021**

*Coincides with Patriot Day, a National Day of Service and Remembrance*

**Fairfax, VA 9/9/2021**— VolunteerFest 2021 kicks off this Saturday, 9/11 at the Fairfax County Government Center located at 12000 Government Center Parkway at 9am. VolunteerFest, a Volunteer Fairfax signature event, is an annual community wide day of service event that takes place each fall to support area nonprofits by adding volunteer capacity for wish list projects and to support donation needs.

The kickoff event begins with a Chalk4Peace.org art project where youth will engage in creating positive messages of peace using art and sidewalk chalk. At 10 am, Fairfax County's Stuff the Bus food drive will begin at the Government Center and 22 other locations around the County. The Stuff the Bus program collects food to support local nonprofits who are working to support the needs of vulnerable, food insecure members of our community

To help in kicking off VolunteerFest 2021 and to recognize the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11, the following public safety and elected officials are scheduled to attend and take part in a special remembrance of those who perished on 9/11 - U.S. Congressman Gerry Connolly, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Jeffrey McKay, Fairfax County Assistant Fire Chief Jenkins, Chief Lt. Colonel Gun Lee, Executive Deputy Chief Lt. Colonel Brain Reilly, Lt. Colonel J. Snyder, and Major W. Friedman. The remembrance will begin at 10 and will be followed by remarks from several attendees.

Members of the community are invited to stop by the Government Center for the remembrance ceremony. There will be a Gratitude Station set-up to compose messages of remembrance and thanks to public safety officials. This station is co-hosted by Kids Give Back, a local nonprofit that supports youth volunteering. All gratitude letters will be distributed to local fire and police stations. Several emergency vehicles will also be at the kick-off ceremony between 9am-12pm for the public to stop by and view.

This year, VolunteerFest aligns with the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 and will provide over 30 volunteer projects so that our community can come together to SERVE and REMEMBER. Projects are both in-person across the county and at home with lots of virtual service opportunities so there's some way for everyone to get involved.

VolunteerFest 2021 is proudly supported by ATT, NetApp, Kaiser Permanente, Accenture, Deloitte, Virginia Service Foundation and The Williams Foundation.

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