

# **YOU GOT SERVED!**

During the 2020 Michigan's AmeriCorps Week from March 8-14, AmeriCorps members will be taking to the streets of their local communities performing random acts

of kindness. We want to help spread the word about AmeriCorps and inspire others to practice kindness and pass it on!

Be sure to like the <u>Michigan's AmeriCorps Facebook page</u> and follow <u>@miamericorps on Twitter</u> to follow the action!

# **STEP 1:**

Perform one or more random acts of kindness on your own or with a group of AmeriCorps members in your area.

See the You Got Served ideas on the following page or come up with your own idea.





# STEP 2:

Leave a You Got Served card with the person or group you performed the act of kindness toward.

You may either print a double-sided copy of the cards on p. 3 and 4 of this packet or print p. 5 in order to include a personalized note.



# **STEP 3:**

Share pictures of you performing your act of kindness with **#MIACWeek** and **#MadeInAmeriCorps**.









# YOU GOT SERVED! IDEAS FOR RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS



# **NO COST**

- Shovel someone's driveway or driveways in a neighborhood.
- Help someone pack up and take groceries to their car.
- Stay after school and help out teachers or custodians, as needed.
- Send/Give a note of appreciation to someone who wouldn't expect it.
- Offer to babysit for a parent who needs some respite.
- Deliver cards to a group of people who may not normally get cards as a way to brighten their day (e.g., local senior home, nursing home, etc.).
- Set up an AmeriCorps program peer exchange for a morning or afternoon to help out another member at their service site (be sure to get permission from your program director for this!).
- Offer to do household jobs for someone who needs them (e.g., cleaning, organizing, light repairs, etc.).
- Arrange for a group of students to do a service project for their school (e.g., pick up trash, paint a classroom, etc.).
- Put something you don't need on Craigslist for "Free" and include a *You Got Served* card when you give the item away so they know it came from an AmeriCorps member.
- Offer to pet sit and/or walk a neighbor's/friend's dog or volunteer at a pet shelter.
- Perform your talent individually or with a group at a local nursing home (e.g., singing, playing an instrument, doing a magic show, etc.).
- Coordinate a donation drive to benefit a group or nonprofit (e.g., collect travel size toiletries for Red Cross comfort kits, collect books for a classroom, etc.).
- Return stray carts in the parking lot at a grocery store.
- Let someone go in front of you in line at a store.

# **LOW COST**

- Make treats to bring in for site staff, volunteers, and/or other members (e.g., cookies, brownies, donuts, etc.).
- Pay for someone's coffee or fast food order in line behind you at the drive-thru (be sure to have the staff member give the person the You Got Served card!)
- Hand out cups of coffee/hot chocolate and/or "essentials kits" to the homeless.
- Purchase outerwear (scarf, hat, gloves, etc.) and distribute/leave items at a local homeless shelter.
- Order take-out and share a meal with a friend.
- Pay someone's expired parking meter.
- Give a donation to a local charity.
- Pay someone else's bus fare.

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