



PRESS RELEASE

FSU Students And Families To Go 'Into The Streets'

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla.-- Florida State University students and families will volunteer side by side in a day of service during Parents' Weekend, Friday, Oct. 7, 2005, noon-4 p.m. This year, in response to Hurricane Katrina, the focus of Into the Streets will be with local agencies directly affected by the disaster relief effort. Both on-campus and off-campus service activities are being planned.

A mock disaster exercise will be conducted on campus by the Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, to give participants valuable skills that can be applied later in the ongoing and long-term recovery from the disaster. Other agencies participating in this event include America's Second Harvest Food Bank, Salvation Army, Refuge House and Leon County Humane Society.

"We have found that after community service days like Into the Streets, students are more likely to become regular volunteers at agencies they have served," said Service Corps Director Nashira Williams. Bill Moeller, director of the Center for Civic Education and Service agreed.

"Hopefully, this 'taste of service' will lead our students to take advantage of other opportunities to volunteer throughout the year, such as with Make A Difference Tallahassee and the Outreach Program," Moeller said.

FSU students and their families are invited to be a part of this effort. Online pre-registration is required at www.serve2learn.fsu.edu. Limited transportation will be available.

Refreshments will be served. The event is being hosted by the Center for Civic Education and Service, the FSU Service Corps and the Parents' Weekend Committee.

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