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## 'Day of Service' set for 9/11 anniversary

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Local service groups and organizations are banding together this year for a day of service to note the ninth anniversary of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The Corvallis Environmental Center and Oregon Volunteers, AARP of Oregon and the Corporation for National & Community Service to host a 9/11 Day of Service & Remembrance at its Starker Arts Garden for Education (SAGE).

The Day of Service & Remembrance is a day for community members to join together to rekindle the spirit of unity and compassion of 9/11 - and to take action against hunger and to make a difference for those in need, according to organizers' announcement.

Starting at 9 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 10, and continuing until 1 p.m., three groups of intergenerational volunteers will work side-by-side on projects to improve the SAGE garden: preparing and planting new beds, weeding, watering, harvesting and garden maintenance. Afterward, lunch will be served and representatives from Linn-Benton Food Share, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, South Corvallis Food Bank and Ten Rivers Food Web will discuss hunger issues facing our community.

The SAGE garden is a one-acre educational production garden in south Corvallis in Bruce Starker Arts Park on Southwest 45th Place off Southwest Country Club Drive. CEC staff work with community volunteers to grow fresh fruits and vegetables to donate to local food banks, shelters, and soup kitchens throughout Corvallis. Last year, the SAGE garden provided more than 6,700 pounds of fresh food for those in need in our community. Produce from the SAGE garden is delivered weekly to local agencies to feed more than 1,200 people each month.