

# Family Discussion Guide



Here are some ideas to get you started on having conversations with your child about volunteering in the community and talking about your service projects together. We hope you find this helpful!

## Before Your Service

- Learn Together
  - Learn about **Generation SERVE** and volunteerism on our website
  - Look up the website of the organization your activity is serving and read it together or watch a related video
- Share
  - Share with your child details about the volunteer activity so they know what to expect.
  - Share with your child why you are looking forward to volunteering.
  - Share with your child why you personally want to volunteer- and why you want to volunteer together.
- Ask
  - What do you know about volunteering?
  - How are you feeling about volunteering?

## During Your Service

- Learn Together
  - Pay attention to your surroundings and listen to the Activity Lead when they share information about the organization and project.
- Share
  - Work side by side with your child and demonstrate to them that you are learning too.
  - If applicable, share other experiences where you have volunteered as either a child or as an adult. Did you volunteer with your family?
- Ask
  - Do you understand what we are doing?
  - How does this help the community? Who are we helping?
  - Ask the Activity Lead or the nonprofit representatives any questions you might have! This may include: questions about how the activity or how it is helping the community; additional activities or programs for your child at **Generation SERVE**; ways for you or your child to get involved with the nonprofit partner outside of **Generation SERVE**.

## After Your Service

- Learn Together
  - Look up the organization online again and read more about them. Do they have any volunteer opportunities listed on their website that appeal to you or your child?
  - Look up news stories or related books on the topic.
- Share
  - Talk to your friends and family about what you did while volunteering.
  - Share with your child what you learned while volunteering and how it made you feel.
  - Share engaging online content from or featuring the nonprofit partner with your child. Perhaps there is a video or pictures that might interest them on Facebook, Youtube, the nonprofit website, etc.
- Ask
  - What was your favorite part of volunteering? What was your least favorite part?
  - How did it feel to help? Has anyone ever helped you?
  - Would you want to volunteer again?

