

SERVING OTHERS

Students create new service organizations to advocate for causes

Service was a defining characteristic of the student body. A large majority regularly participated in existing service organizations. However, a few motivated individuals started their own, driven by the desire to help those in need.

Project ALL directly served youth in need. "The students I work with as a part of Project ALL have had a rough time in their lives," Samantha Tiver said. "We can never promise that they won't have a rough time ahead, but we can help them become stronger. They're young people right in our neighborhood who are largely forgotten; the least I can do is pay attention," Tiver said.

Others were empowered to start service organizations after hearing stories from influential people in service.

"I was motivated to start Campus Kitchens after hearing Robert Egger speak about founding the D.C. Central Kitchen," junior Jess Kim said. "He mentioned that college campuses were starting their own Campus Kitchens,

and I was so excited and went to talk with him about it. And then things just went from there," Kim said.

The creation of new service organizations was a common occurrence on campus, and fledgling organizations grew quickly.

"Students' Petersburg Initiative for Community Engagement is a new service organization this year," junior Mallory Johnson said. "We do community development work in the economically distressed community of Petersburg, VA. My experiences in Petersburg have been amazingly transformative, and I want to create opportunities for everyone at William & Mary to have the same kind of experience," Johnson said.

A common desire to serve fostered participation in and even the creation of service organizations. Furthermore, many saw serving as truly enjoyable and life-altering.

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While volunteering with Housing Partnerships, members of Circle K International remove shingles from a roof. Housing Partnerships provided popular volunteer opportunities in the Williamsburg community.

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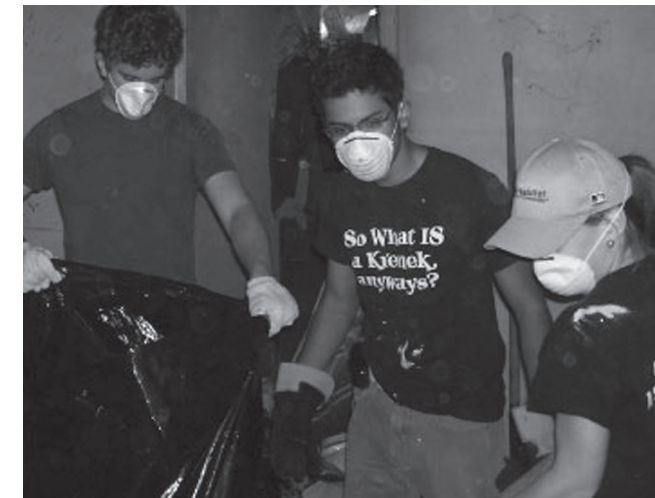
During the Green and Gold event, Maham Akbar dressed as Santa Claus listens to the Christmas wishes of local children. The goal of the event was to celebrate Christmas with underprivileged children in the area.



While on a service trip with Circle K International, Adrienne Franklin helps to repair a house. The group partnered with Habitat for Humanity for the house-building trip.



Members of Project ALL help students at the Academy of Life and Learning pack holiday meals for local families in need. The Academy offered an alternative education program for students who were not able to attend public schools.



Outfitted with gloves and face masks, Mike Boyer, Tanji Ahmed, and Mallory Johnson clean out a house in Petersburg, Virginia. The house had been abandoned for five months.

Ruritan National President Donald Worrell and National Foundation Trustee Cleve Wright observe as Paul Lendway signs the chartering document for the College's Ruritan chapter.