



## Join Us in the Presidential Challenge for Community Service

Morse Elementary School strives each year to be recognized by The Points of Light Foundation and the White House as a School of Service. To achieve this recognition 5% of the Morse student body must earn at least 26 hours of community service over a year period (April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020).

### Why volunteer?

Research has shown that volunteering helps increase *self-confidence*, provides a sense of purpose, and helps make new friendships and strengthen existing ones.

### Who can participate?

Here at Morse, we recognize K-5th grade students who complete any number of community service hours. Each family may participate in as many or as few of the opportunities as they wish or they can plan activities on their own. Any student may earn the President’s Service Award by completing a specified amount of community service hours.

### What qualifies as community service?

Community Service is defined as an unpaid act or activity that is beneficial to the surrounding community. This could include service with community, or religious organizations, school based projects or individual efforts to help others. ***Fundraising or paid service does not qualify unless the money is donated to a charitable organization.***

### How do I get started?

Complete the attached Participation Sheet and return to your classroom teacher. Additional information will be provided on upcoming after school volunteer service activities. We will be using Signupgenius.com for activities after school so please provide an email address on the attached sheet.

### Return the bottom part

(Information is required for setting up student account on the Presidential Service Award website)

Child’s Name/Grade/Teacher \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher Date of Birth

Child’s Name/Grade/Teacher \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher Date of Birth

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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