SLU’s Make A Difference Day is the University’s largest collegiate service event in the St. Louis area. It allows thousands of students, faculty, staff, parents, alumni and community volunteers to join together in serving the community.

Volunteers spend the day helping community organizations, churches, schools and homes, completing tasks such as building houses, tutoring, gardening/landscaping, painting, repairing, cleaning, organizing, providing companionship for the elderly and disabled, child care, office work and much more.

Make A Difference Day 2015 was the largest in SLU’s history, with over 4,000 participants, 130 sites served, and over 20,000 hours of service completed - nearly three times the number of participants and hours served from the event in 2006. Service sites in 2015 varied from 36 youth groups and schools to organizations such as Gateway Greening, Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity, St. Louis Zoo and Cardinal Ritter Senior Services.

Service to the community is an integral part of SLU’s mission, which calls students, faculty and staff to be “men and women for others.” Last year, students, faculty, and staff performed over one million hours of service work to the greater St. Louis community.

Make A Difference Day allows us to adhere to the Jesuit mission in several ways:

• Introducing SLU students to volunteerism and service.
• Empowering students to use skills and knowledge acquired in the classroom for the betterment of the community.
• Assisting community organizations with their needs while enlisting them at the same time as community partners and vital collaborators in the learning process.
• Enabling faculty to give students meaningful learning experiences inside and outside of the classroom.

Please help us make the 2016 Make A Difference Day – Saturday, October 22 – even more impactful for the community and Saint Louis University.

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