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Local events support President's volunteerism initiative

Media is encouraged to attend two Richmond-area events that will kick off Virginia's participation in President Obama's "United We Serve" call for increased volunteerism.

Two area events are planned for Monday, June 22:

- Volunteers will work in a garden planted specifically to grow food for the Central Virginia Food Bank.

Location: [Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden](#)

1800 Lakeside Avenue, Richmond

Time: 9 a.m. – 12 noon

- Delegate Roslyn Dance, Petersburg Mayor Annie Mickens, Virginia Department of Social Services Commissioner Anthony Conyers Jr., and Virginia Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Karen Remley, along with local college students, will read to children as part of the [Phoenix Project](#).

Location: Weed and Seed Safe Haven

Faith Hope and Temple Church of God and Christ

1800 E. Washington Street, Petersburg

Time: 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Events to support a summer of service are scheduled statewide. "United We Serve" calls for a sustained effort to expand the size and impact of volunteerism, especially its role in advancing the economic recovery. Additional information will be announced on June 22. For more information, visit www.vaservice.org or www.serve.gov.

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