VIVA VOLUNTEER
On Oct, 28, 409 Comets united in service on national Make a Difference Day. Volunteers from 29 student groups contributed 2,045 combined service hours at 23 different project sites across the DFW area. Tasks ranged from building playgrounds to planting gardens and creating mosaics. One participant noted, “I’ve never had much of an appreciation for nature, but helping clean a trail and seeing the difference made me feel so good about taking the time to go outside.”

HOLIDAY HELPERS
This December, the OSV teamed up with UTD student athletes to spread some holiday cheer. Volunteers created 159 exploding scrapbooks for children in orphanages and hospitals overseas via the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Program.

VOLUNTEER OF THE SEMESTER
Kyontasia Wilson was selected by the OSV Student Leadership Program as our Fall 2017 Volunteer of the Semester! In addition to being a constant presence at OSV events, Kyontasia is the personification of service in the UT Dallas and surrounding communities.

VOLUNTEER EXPO 2017
As a part of Weeks of Welcome, the OSV and Career Center joined forces to present the fifth annual Volunteer Expo. At this event, 452 Comets had the unique opportunity to connect and network with 56 Dallas-area agencies and on-campus initiatives including the Dallas Arboretum & Garden and the Comet Cupboard.

HARVEY RELIEF
When Texas was hit by one of the most catastrophic storms in years, Comets stepped up by donating $5,804.43 to the American Red Cross.

FALL HIGHLIGHTS
2,546 Comets participated in 50 OSV events and service opportunities over the fall semester. In total, volunteers served 3,946 hours with an estimated value of $99,241.90* in donated time.

SPRING FORWARD
As we lean into spring, check out the highlights below and save the dates!

A list of spring service events can be found at www.utdallas.edu/volunteer

MLK Day of Service - Jan. 12
Help pack 16,000 meals for hungry kids in honor of Dr. King’s vision of “beloved community”. Registration to open in early Jan.

Alternative Spring Break - March 11-16
Want to #GoAlternative this spring break by serving communities across the country in a variety of different service impact areas? Register at utdallas.edu/springbreak.

Earth Week - April 16-20
Celebrate Mother Earth with a variety of planet-loving events that help raise awareness in how we all can be more environmentally conscious. Registration will open in early April.

National Volunteer Week - April 23-27
Be one of the “thousand points of light” and celebrate service with events like Piggy Bank Painting and Hats for Hope! Registration to open in early April.

*estimated value of 2016 Texas volunteer time per www.independentsector.org