**FALL HIGHLIGHTS**

In fall 2016, 2,659 Comets donated a total of 4,158 hours to the community through the OSV. That equates to $104,407 of volunteered time at 43 OSV events!

This fall the OSV welcomed administrative assistant Sarai Osorto to the team, as well as four new student leaders. Start serving with Lauren Slagle, Vivian Nguyen, Jermaine Phua & Quang Le in spring 2017.

**VIVA VOLUNTEER**

More than 380 students and staff fanned out across North Texas to serve nonprofit agencies as a part of Viva Volunteer, UT Dallas’ annual service event. A total of $48,000 in service hours were donated to 25 different community sites on Oct. 22 in honor of national Make a Difference Day! Pictured: UT Dallas student veterans and staff.

**TEXAS ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING**

$2,261.76 in volunteer labor was given back to the earth on Texas Arbor Day as UT Dallas students, staff & faculty assisted with planting native trees on campus. The 39 new trees will intercept 7,630 gallons of storm water runoff this year, in addition to saving 432 kwh in energy, and reducing atmospheric carbon by 1,922 pounds. Whoosh!

**SPRING PREVIEW**

Spring calendar is now available at utdallas.edu/volunteer/events

Can Opener Drive, Jan. 2-31 Help the OSV collect 70 new or gently used non-electric can openers for the Comet Cupboard.

Freshmen Engaged in Service Together (FEST), Feb. 17, 12-2pm, Galaxy Rooms

Register to participate in this freshman-exclusive service event.

Alternative Spring Break (ASB) Join an ASB team and learn, travel, serve, and grow together.

Program details at utdallas.edu/springbreak

UT Dallas Earth Week, Apr. 17-21

Learn about environmental programs available on campus and in local communities.

National Volunteer Week, Apr. 24-28

Celebrate volunteerism by giving back at one of many on-campus service events.

**NATIONAL HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK**

Comets care about combating food insecurity in North Texas! In honor of National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week, UT Dallas volunteers assisted the North Texas Food Bank to sort and package over 4,000 holiday meals for our neighbors in need, and made 35 no-sew blankets for homeless youth at the Dallas LIFE shelter.