FALL HIGHLIGHTS
In fall 2015, Comets donated 1,976 hours to the community through the OSV. That equates to $48,734 of volunteered time!

The OSV is excited to welcome two new student leaders! Start serving with Lilian Zhan, a freshman biomedical engineering major, and Justine Sheu, a junior studying molecular biology, in spring 2016.

NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK
The OSV and Comet Cupboard hosted advocacy and service events to help spread hunger and homelessness awareness. Through the OSV, students created 1,069 cookie packs for SoupMobile, made 32 blankets for City House and Mosaic Family Services, served 400 meals at The Stewpot and sorted food items at the North Texas Food Bank providing 15,069 meals to the community.

GET SWABBED!
180 students successfully swabbed their cheeks and joined the bone marrow donor registry at the OSV’s second annual Bone Marrow Donor Drive. The drive is held each September in honor of National Blood Cancer Awareness Month. A special shout-out goes to our partners Tau Sigma National Honor Society, Student Leadership Programs and Phi Theta Kappa for making this event possible.

NEW YEAR, NEW GARDEN
The UT Dallas Community Garden program has a new home! The garden is now located in the parking island at the southwest corner of the Phase I apartment complex. The relocation allowed for garden expansion, improved irrigation system and lighting for evening gardening.

SPRING PREVIEW
Get a sneak peak at some engaging events coming in spring! Registration and event details available at utdallas.edu/volunteer.

Foster Kids Charity Snack Kits, Jan 21, 12:30-2:30pm, SU Galaxy Rooms - Decorate activity books and pack snacks for children in foster care.
Freshmen Engaged in Service Together (FEST), Jan 28, 2-3:30pm, Galaxy A - Create paracord bracelets for first-responders and active military. Alternative Spring Break (ASB), March 13-19 - Immerse yourself in a service experience like no other by giving back over your spring break.
National Volunteer Week, April 11-15 - Celebrate volunteerism by giving back at one of many on-campus service events.
Earth Week, April 18-22 - Learn about environmental and sustainability programs available on campus and in local communities.