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**9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance Meal Packing Event
Presented by the Serve Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service**

Summary of Event

CHICAGO-The Serve Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service extends a special thanks to all who were able to volunteer at the 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance meal packing event, which took place on Monday, September 12, 2022, at the Great Hall in Union Station. Serve Illinois teamed up with PR Chicago, Greater Chicago Food Depository, Meals of Hope, and the 9/11 Day organization to further the mission of taking back the day, transforming the anniversary of 9/11 from a day of tragedy to a national day of doing good.

- 108,000 meals were packed in the first two hours
- The total meal count was 282,311 meals- Breaking past years' records.
- 750 Corporate Volunteers participated
- 155 Serve Illinois Volunteers providing administrative and logistical Support, including students from City Colleges of Chicago, UIC, and Loyola University, Chicago State Women's Basketball Team, Aurora University Men's Soccer, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Chicago, Lessie Bates all the way from East St. Louis, Literacy Volunteers of IL, and many more.

Special thanks to Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton and Leslie Bluhm, founder of Chicago Cares, for their presence and National Presenting Sponsors AmeriCorps and Citi for helping make this event happen.

To learn more about the 9/11 organization, head to www.911day.org

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