

2008 JOIN HANDS DAY

Key Dates and Reminders

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- **March 1**
\$1,000 of JOIN HANDS DAY seed money deposited into each chapter checking account. Money can be used to purchase supplies or refreshments for an activity, or promotional items, such as Thrivent Financial for Lutherans/JOIN HANDS DAY logo T-shirts. (See *How to Promote Your JOIN HANDS DAY Activity* for more details about promotional items.)
- **April 1 to June 30**
Chapter service teams can hold JOIN HANDS DAY activities anytime during this period to qualify for funding from the chapter. However, to **maximize the impact of this special national volunteer day of service**, encourage service teams to hold their activities on or near **May 3**.
- **May 2 (optional)**
Deadline to pre-register activity with JOIN HANDS DAY at www.joinhandsday.org. This is one of two requirements (see June 3) for activities to be considered for national recognition by JOIN HANDS DAY—including \$1,000 awards.
- **May 3**
JOIN HANDS DAY!
- **June 3 (optional)**
Deadline to complete the online post-activity report at www.joinhandsday.org. This is the second requirement for activities to be considered for national recognition by JOIN HANDS DAY—including \$1,000 awards.
- **July 31**
To account for the full use of the JOIN HANDS DAY seed money, chapters must report JOIN HANDS DAY activities online as Locally Supported Activities by this date. To help meet this date, your chapter may want to request that service teams submit the Report Activity Results form by July 14. (*Watch Chapter News for reporting details.*)
- **August 11**
Any remaining JOIN HANDS DAY seed money will be removed from the chapter checking account.

Important Chapter Reminders

To help eliminate **reporting** confusion that chapters have experienced in previous years:

1. Use of Care Abounds in Communities® program funds with the \$1,000 of JOIN HANDS DAY seed money is **not** permitted. Activities that use JOIN HANDS DAY seed money must be reported as Locally Supported Activities after the activity is completed.
2. Because JOIN HANDS DAY seed money is automatically deposited into the chapter checking account, do **not** enter an online request for funding before the activity as you would for a Care Abounds in Communities® activity. You only need to report the activity after it is completed.
3. JOIN HANDS DAY seed money **cannot** be used for activities related to **Thrivent Builds** activities. However, the seed money may be used for JOIN HANDS DAY activities related to Habitat for Humanity builds that are not being supported by Thrivent Builds.

To be considered for national recognition and a \$1,000 award for JOIN HANDS DAY, remember to register activities on the JOIN HANDS DAY site at www.joinhandsday.org (see May 2 and June 3).

Forms and Tools to Share with Service Teams

Direct service teams to JOIN HANDS DAY forms and tools that are available on the Join Hands Day page at www.thrivent.com/jhd (www.thrivent.com > Members/Chapters > Volunteer Resources > Join Hands Day), including:

- *Conducting a Successful Thrivent Chapter JOIN HANDS DAY Activity* (1-page step-by-step quick-reference guide)
- *How to Promote Your JOIN HANDS DAY Activity* (2-page quick-reference guide about generating awareness and promotional materials available)
- Request for Funding form (optional at the chapter's discretion)
- Report Activity Results form (required)
- Poster template
- Bulletin insert template
- Members in Action Information Release
- Media advisory template (to announce activities)
- News release template (to share results of their activities with the community)
- Fact sheet to use at activities or to share with media and elected officials
- *Inviting Elected Officials* quick-reference guide (hints and tips)
- Visibility Toolkit for tips on using tools for visibility

