

## Celebrate Teachers and the “Magic of Service–Learning”

# MAGICAL TEACHING

**T**his has certainly been a school year like no other—a time when teachers, students, administrators, and parents have faced ongoing challenges and navigated many new turns in their respective roads.

We know that service–learning has probably looked different in your school so far this year, or maybe even been placed in a temporary holding pattern. But we also know that **despite the year’s stressful circumstances, many great service–learning projects and activities have still occurred—and that’s worth celebrating!**

In previous years, our “Growing Together” SL Network has held a spring “Changemakers” Leadership Summit at Mid–Ohio Foodbank. Hundreds of teachers, students, and community partners have gathered to **celebrate the impact of their current efforts and explore possibilities for future endeavors.**

Due to continuing concerns about COVID–19, we can’t host a large in–person event this year. But we’re excited about doing the next best thing—providing a meaningful and enjoyable online experience. So, we’re writing today to **announce our 2021 “Virtual Changemakers Summit.”**

**Register Now**

Thursday, May 6  
4:30–6:00 p.m.  
On Zoom

We certainly hope you’ll join us as we **give teachers a well–deserved THANK YOU** for a job well done!

### Here’s the Plan

We will celebrate our great teachers and the “Magic of Service–Learning” with a special **Zoom workshop on Thursday, May 6, from 4:30–6:00 pm.** CEUs will be available for this May 6th PD.



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**What's Next . . .** Join colleagues from many of our Network districts to **celebrate and honor educators** who have continued to create service-learning “magic” with their students, even during a pandemic. **Whether you were able to implement service-learning this year or not, we still invite you to attend.**

Our May 6th online “event” will feature Breakout Rooms for lots of interaction, as well as a “film festival” of service-learning videos contributed by teachers and students. We'll also feature “cameo comments” from **school and community leaders who want to recognize the amazing efforts of educators.** There will also be links to some great resources you can use to get ideas and inspiration for future projects. **Finally, there will be a few surprises**—but you'll have to tune in to find out about those!

**How You Can Help . . .** Please consider contributing to our “film festival.” Videos should be brief—just **1–3 minutes**. If you and your students have engaged in or thought about one or more service-learning projects/activities this year, here are some things your video(s) could convey:

- What issue/need did students address or consider? Why was it important to them?
- What action did they take or consider for the future? (Small things count here—we know this year has been different!)
- What did they learn or do they hope to learn in the future? (Just one or two of the most important things about the issue and connections with your curriculum.)
- How did they feel about their accomplishments or plans (social/emotional learning)? What difference did they make or do they hope to make?

Please feel free to be creative. At the same time, please keep things simple— we want this to be fun for you and your students, not an additional burden! Don't forget to include your name, grade level/ discipline, and school in the video. Email your video to [kathy@partnershipsmakeadifference.org](mailto:kathy@partnershipsmakeadifference.org).

We plan to select 8–10 videos to share as part of the Summit Zoom, but all recordings contributed will be placed on a special YouTube channel and other social media for teachers and students to view at their convenience. We will also record the entire Zoom session so you can share any or all of the “magic” with your students. **We will need all videos by Tuesday, April 20th.**

We're excited about celebrating all educators and the “Magic of Service-Learning.” Hope you'll be part of our “Virtual Changemakers Summit” -- please encourage other teachers to attend!

**Register no later than April 30th by emailing [kathy@partnershipsmakeadifference.org](mailto:kathy@partnershipsmakeadifference.org), including your name and school/ organization. You will then receive a confirmation email with a Zoom link inviting you to the May 6th Summit! Hope to see you there.**