

# An Afternoon of Service

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*Members packaging groceries for the elderly at the warehouse of the Humanitarian Service Project.*

The Theosophical Order of Service in the USA (TOS-US) once again partnered with the Theosophical Society in America (TSA) during our Summer National Convention (SNC) this past July to create an afternoon of service. We originally had four service projects set up for the afternoon, but due to the extreme heat, our outdoor activity of working in the Garden of Remembrance was cancelled. However, participants of SNC were still quite happy to share their time and energy, either working at the Humanitarian Service Project (HSP), sorting and packing groceries for the elderly (361 bundles!), taking part in a one-hour Meditation for World Peace, or decorating and packing 30 duffle bags, known as Sweet Cases, for children in foster care.

The Sweet Case project was made possible through an organisation called Together We Rise (TWR), started in 2008. To know more about Together We Rise, please visit their website at [www.togetherwerise.org](http://www.togetherwerise.org).



*Members decorating and filling duffle bags known as Sweet Cases for foster kids who usually transport their belongings in garbage bags.*



*Sweet case sample*



*Sweet cases, teddy bears, children working in background*

*Members decorating sweet cases*



***The TOS in the US would like to thank all the participants who made our afternoon of service a success!***