

## New Paltz makes a difference

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Make a Difference Day 2012

The campus community engaged in Make a Difference Day 2012 on Oct. 19 – 20. Students, faculty and staff took part in the national day of community service, created by *USA Weekend*, for the eighth consecutive year. This year, the college's contribution included a donation drive and a day of volunteering.

“Our participation in Make a Difference Day is dedicated to promoting a spirit of service on campus,” said Michael Patterson, director of Student Activities and Union Services at New Paltz. “The program gives our students the opportunity to be inspired to continue their service experiences past one particular day.”

The college kicked off Make a Difference Day on Friday, Oct. 19, with a canned goods drive and a t-shirt grab sale in the Student Union Multipurpose Room. Proceeds and donations were donated to local Ulster County charities, agencies, and service centers. On Saturday, participants volunteered at a number of service sites, including the New Paltz Youth Program, Queen's Galley, Boys & Girls Club of Kingston, **New Paltz Recycling and ReUse Center**, and Ulster/Green ARC Joalyn House.

Read the *Poughkeepsie Journal's* coverage of the event [here](#).