# ServeOhio Launches Statewide Volunteer Engagement Platform
*Get Connected links individuals with volunteer opportunities across the state*

**Columbus, OH** – ServeOhio, Ohio's Commission on Service and Volunteerism, in partnership with Galaxy Digital, recently launched a new statewide volunteer engagement platform called, Get Connected. Prior to Get Connected, no statewide infrastructure existed to connect volunteers to the local level to respond to immediate needs in their community. The COVID-19 pandemic and recent events taking place over the past several months made the need for a system like this even more pressing, as local service has never been more important.

Get Connected allows organizations to post volunteer opportunities to recruit individuals in their local area, which then feeds directly into the statewide system. Individuals can then access the opportunities that best match their interests.

"Our goal is for the Get Connected platform to highlight local volunteer opportunities in all 88 counties across Ohio," said ServeOhio Executive Director William Hall. "We want the platform to be a conduit to get individuals to their local volunteer connector organization and to provide infrastructure in areas of the state that don't have these resources."

ServeOhio hopes this connecting portal will build and maintain strong relationships between volunteers and service organizations moving forward. ServeOhio encourages organizations across the state to share their volunteer opportunities on the Get Connected platform by visiting https://serveohio.galaxydigital.com/organization-registration/.

"This platform is not intended to duplicate the efforts of nonprofits across the state," said Hall. "It exists to funnel local opportunities into one shared site to make it easier for volunteers to connect."

Volunteers are encouraged to check for opportunities through their local volunteer center before sharing or searching on Get Connected. For a list of Ohio volunteer centers, visit serveohio.galaxydigital.com/local-volunteering/. If a volunteer's county isn't listed, they will be prompted to search for opportunities on the Get Connected platform. Once an opportunity is identified, volunteers can create an account on the Get Connected platform to register for the volunteer program of interest.

For more information, visit Get Connected at serveohio.galaxydigital.com.

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**About ServeOhio**

ServeOhio, Ohio's Governor-appointed commission on service and volunteerism, strengthens Ohio communities through AmeriCorps and volunteer engagement.  Through programs and initiatives funded and supported by ServeOhio, thousands of Ohioans of all ages engage in and are recognized for their service.  Interested participants may learn more about ServeOhio at www.serveohio.org, or on Facebook and Twitter.