

Make a Difference



Members of the Research Triangle Study Center delivered 100 bag lunches to the homeless in downtown Raleigh, NC. TOS members filled decorated bags with sandwiches, fruit, water and candy or protein bars. The bags sported hearts and flowers or messages like "We love you!" and "You are special."



There are people all over the world and right here in the USA who can benefit from your help.

Serving others does not need to be anything grand. It can be as simple as driving an elderly person to the grocery store or shoveling snow from someone's driveway.

Two of the aims of the TOS are to develop a network of servers throughout the world and to support those endeavoring to apply theosophical principles in their lives through altruistic service in their local communities. We welcome you to join us.

Membership in the Theosophical Order of Service is open to all members of the Theosophical Society in America and by donation for all others. Membership includes a subscription to our journal *For the Love of Life*, our quarterly e-newsletter *OneHeart* and supports the general work of the TOS. We invite you to join us in the commitment to alleviate suffering in the human family and for all life on the planet.

The Theosophical Order of Service promotes the unity of all life without distinction of ethnicity, religious or spiritual background, gender, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic standing.

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An Invitation to Serve

**A Union of Those Who Love
In the Service of All That Suffers**



Who We Are

We are an international all-volunteer 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. Our motto is “a union of those who love in the service of all that suffers.”

The Theosophical Order of Service (TOS) was founded in 1908 by Annie Besant, a tireless social activist in England and India. She later served as international president of the Theosophical Society (TS).

Throughout the past 100+ years the sole focus for the TOS has been service. In countries around the world, people who have a sense of the oneness of all life and who are motivated to serve, have come together to work toward the alleviation of suffering.

As an international organization, service projects vary from country to country.

In the Philippines, for example, the TOS operates the Golden Link College which offers theosophical education from pre-school through the university level.



What We Do in the USA

Our members serve by working individually or through local TOS groups in their local areas. We also join with other TOS groups worldwide to help with humanitarian projects internationally, and we support the programs of other service organizations working in areas of ecology, healing, peace, family, social services, animals and arts and music.

Current Projects Include:

- Fundraising for the **Golden Link College** in Manila, Philippines. Over 85% of the school's students need tuition assistance. Each year donations have been matched by a generous \$20,000 grant from the Kern Foundation.
- Continuing our support for children and families of the **Rosebud Native American Reservation**, one of the most disadvantaged communities in our nation. The TOS provides holiday gifts for the families and school supplies as well as refurbished computers for the children.
- Awarding **scholarships** to Native American students at the **Oglala Lakota College School of Nursing**.
- Promoting a **national effort to provide necessary items for the homeless**: socks, snacks and water, hygiene items, resource guides and encouragement.
- Granting funds to several **animal rescue organizations**.
- Making **seed money** and other support available to our **local groups for service**



projects such as:

- Providing meals for the homeless through the year and providing gift baskets during the holiday season
- Packing items for food drives
- Educating the public about the dangers of plastic and environmental waste
- Assisting at local animal shelters
- Providing copies of *War and the Soul*, a Quest book, to veterans' organizations
- Providing Theosophical Society in America (TSA) memberships for the incarcerated enrolled in our TS Correspondence Prison Program.



Our **Healing Network** continues to be a strong focus of activity, receiving calls from around the country and internationally. You may call its toll free number at **800-838-2179** or email **TOS2healing@gmail.com** to submit the names of those needing healing.

Our **Animal Healing Network** offers comfort and healing to animals. Animal names can be submitted by email **TOSanimalhealing@gmail.com**.

Our TOS journal *For the Love of Life* published each year and our quarterly e-newsletter *OneHeart* feature information about our projects and interesting service-related articles, ideas for service projects, and inspiration for the heart.

