8D is Haverford’s community service organization. We are dedicated to confronting inequality and enacting positive change in our communities. We support students by making service inclusive, accessible and meaningful. By challenging their ideas about service and the communities they work with, we facilitate growth and learning. We aim to build relationships with, and advocate for, the groups we serve. Through connecting students with opportunities we provide tangible ways to engage outside the classroom.

Who We Are

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Senior Testimonials

Renee King '16

I joined 8th Dimension as a second semester freshman because I missed being involved in community service and being among a community of people who prioritized service because they wanted to be involved.

My favorite experiences at 8th Dimension has been anytime we've worked with young kids especially, young students of color. It brings me so much joy because I identify so much with their experience in school and how big their dreams are. There will always be an event, assignment, meeting etc. that you "have" to go to be if you never give yourself time to a) give back or b) get out of the mind set that college is the center of life then you are closing yourself off from discovering and exploring other passions that you have and that you can share.

David Sidibe '16

I joined 8th Dimension (8D) as an intern in my spring semester, sophomore year. I wanted to join 8D because I did not feel like I was previously interacting with the Philadelphia community in a way that attempts to increase the health of our community. My favorite memory comes from attempting to assist these kids in math, who attended Overbrook Education Center.

Although they started out uninterested in the material, once they started working through problems, you could tell that the passion was still there. I believe this passion exists in many or all children, but is suppressed in those who aren’t being educated correctly. I believe teaching should focus on inspiring and encouraging that passion in students.
Note from OMA Liaison for 8D: My name is Alondra Gomez, and alongside Victoria Ribeiro, I am one of the current AMA Co-Heads! As part of my role as a Co-Head, as well as the OMA Liaison to 8D, we have been working to hold a dialogue with 8D in regards to how the AMA Mission can be achieved with 8D’s support. At the core of the AMA program is experiential learning, and what better way to engage with the community than through service and solidarity? Ensuring a relationship between 8D and the AMAs gradually becomes necessary for everything from logistics to building on relationships with local organizations. During the summer Jharna Jahnavi will be coordinating with various local organizations to create a smooth transition for First Year Fall Service Days, which even include volunteering at the zoo.
Mill Creek: “It was a good community bonding experience because it gave us a chance to work together and put that work towards a good cause” – Micaela Gold
Mill Creek Farm: “It felt good giving back.” – Shaquana Drury
Mill Creek: “It’s been a while, yeah the trip was really fun! It was a great opportunity to get out of the college bubble early in the year when I was less sure of myself and not as likely to get off-campus without someone else planning an excursion.” – Annika Salzberg
SHARE food program: “proud that I went to a school that valued helping others (now thinking back though I feel disappointed that I have not personally continued to give back to the community)” – Feven Gezahegn
SHARE food Program: “My hall’s AMA service trip was a great experience. We went to the SHARE food program in Philadelphia where we helped create food packages that would be distributed to those who lack the resources to obtain healthy food for themselves and their families. It’s always rewarding to volunteer, knowing the positive impact such work will have on the local Philadelphia community” – Achint Singh
SHARE food Program: “Bonded a lot with my hall. Meet them in a way where you are doing something good.” – Jhoneidy Javier
Japanese House and Garden: “Beneficial” – Claire Burdick
Japanese House and Garden: “It was really fun and also surprising because it was the first time I’ve ever really been at a farm! The work was a little bit tedious but it was rewarding. Also the staff was really nice and let us take a few fresh veggies back which tasted really good!” – Rebecca Chang
Jewish Relief Agency: “I personally thought the service trip was a great bonding experience with the customs group and also the local community. It was nice to leave the main line bubble and venture to a different part of Philadelphia.” – Katie Tsai
Jewish Relief Agency: “I enjoyed the service trip because it was a way to bond with members of my customs group while helping others at the same time. It was really refreshing to leave the Haverford campus and do something to benefit the larger community.” – Olivia
Cradles to Crayons: “It was enlightening and a lot of fun! It was a unique opportunity to help those who are less fortunate during the holiday season - and it was really enjoyable” – Andrew Eaddy
Cradles to Crayons: “Community service has always been an important activity and I appreciate Haverford’s commitment to it. I found the service trip with my hall uplifting” – Vaidehi Aagarwalla
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