Civic Engagement & Community Service

At Lovett, civic engagement links classroom to community—our school, city, society, and world.

We combine rigorous curricular goals with community-based learning in order to better connect academic study and real-world experience. Lovett’s civic engagement opportunities include: supporting active citizenship and social responsibility, fostering relationships and respect for diversity, and providing the foundation for servant leadership.

HIGHLIGHTS IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

- A Lovett tradition since 1961, the Thanksgiving Food Drive provides over 600 holiday meals for the Agape Youth and Family Center.
- Middle and Upper School students serve meals monthly at Central Presbyterian Night Shelter.
- Students in grades 7 and 8 learn about their city through grade-wide service days.
- Each year, ninth graders participate in SING (Service Initiation for Ninth Grade), a two-day, one-night local service experience that focuses on Atlanta’s refugee community.
- Select students in grades 5 through 12 are honored with service awards at year-end ceremonies. The Burke Whitman ’74 Service Awards are given to six Upper School students. The Paul Bligh Service Award is awarded to two eighth graders.
- Upper School students with a particular interest in Service & Leadership may pursue a diploma distinction (akin to a college major) in their area of interest.
- Each year, between 30 and 40 students participate in service trips, including the Middle School Spring Break Service Trip, an Upper School Service Trip, and the Language and Culture class at Siempre Verde, which incorporates homestays and service near Lovett’s property in Ecuador.
- Students develop civic responsibility, social awareness, respect for diversity, understanding of urban issues, and respect for the earth’s natural beauty through a variety of academic courses, such as Urban Experience, Civic Leadership, and fifth grade Humanities.

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Lovett students regularly serve outside the school day at these Atlanta-area partner organizations:

- Agape Youth and Family Center
- Furkids no-kill animal shelter
- Campbell-Stone Apartments (assisted living)
- Atlanta Community Food Bank
- FOCUS "prom" for teenagers with special needs
- Trinity House
- Centro Catolica
- Habitat for Humanity

“The opportunity to serve people who experience life differently than I do has deepened my empathy and broadened my perspective. I’ve been shown the power of individual kindness and radical change through service.” - Kendall ’20

Habitat for Humanity
- National Center for Civil and Human Rights
- Council for Spiritual and Ethical Education (CSEE)