On the morning of November 5, 2016, 426 Austin College students gathered in the campus Dining Hall for the 18th annual Great Day of Service.

Each participant contributed 2 food items (which were donated to a local food pantry) and spent the day engaged in volunteer service at 46 different community work sites ranging from highway cleanup to Habitat for Humanity projects to visitations at local senior care facilities. Through Great Day of Service, many Austin College students develop and maintain long-term relationships with local non-profits and continue to engage in volunteer service throughout their time at Austin College. The same Day of Service project will be offered again in November, 2017.

Great Day of Service is part of Austin College’s effort to live out its Covenant Relationship with the Presbyterian Church (USA) by focusing on what our Church-relatedness enables us to offer to all students, to the Church, to our community, and to the world. Austin College is a covenant partner with the Synod of the Sun and received a Synod grant of $5000 for this program.