25 years ago, aligned with Xavier’s mission of “promoting a more just and humane society”, a group of ten dedicated students, passionate about the needs of New Orleans, partnered with visionary Dean Nedra Alcorn and in 1989 Mobilization At Xavier was founded.

In the early years, M.A.X. was composed of ten programs that serviced the needs of children as well as elderly and homeless populations. Now celebrating its 25th anniversary, those intimate spaces that housed Volunteer Services has expanded into The Center for Student Leadership and Service, home to M.A.X., and now with over 200 dedicated student volunteers. The founding programs such as Homework Clinic, Adopt A Grandperson, and Outreach Day are still thriving. M.A.X was and remains the largest student led community service program on campus!!

After more than two decades, M.A.X. has tremendously impacted communities and the lives of passionate volunteers. However, none of this would be possible without the support of Dr. Norman C. Francis. After losing grant funding in the 90’s, Dr. Francis stepped in and made certain that M.A.X. would forever have a home at Xavier.

Since announcing his retirement, M.A.X. wishes to commemorate Dr. Francis’s legacy of true servant leadership and show gratitude for his endless support. The Center for Student Leadership and Service and M.A.X. invites STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF to participate in the Dr. Francis Day of Service SATURDAY (April 25).

This is a volunteer/community service event running from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Volunteers will meet in the UC at 8:00 a.m. and leave from there to different service sites throughout the city. Students can sign up in the UC lobby starting MONDAY (April 20). Faculty and staff can sign up by emailing vlynch@xula.edu.