Giving Tuesday on 1st December becomes a fortnight of warm generosity and community spirit from 1 to 14 December 2020

Hit by the COVID-19 global health crisis, the year 2020 has seriously affected the university community, and in particular, living and studying conditions for students. Via the Paris-Saclay University Foundation, another surge of generous contributions were made this year on behalf of the university's constituent faculties and institutes, departments, services, component institutions and various local partners.

AGORAë, a solidarity grocery store for students in difficulty, can count on the support of the university's constituent faculties and institutes, departments and services to donate food and essential items to their collection. To offer the best support possible for students, several university organisations are taking part in the movement, including the MISS (Centre for Science Initiation and Awareness) and the SUAPS (Department of Physical and Sports Activities). With the Department of Student Life, the participation of young civic service volunteers has invigorated the solidarity movement, a reflection of the values shared by Paris-Saclay University.

The Secours Populaire in Orsay, with whom we are working alongside yet again this year, has highlighted several key needs in the field. That's why the CROUS in Versailles, our loyal partner since 2018, is organising two collection points where donors can donate household linen (Résidence Eileen Gray, Orsay) and toys (Cèdres University Restaurant, Orsay Campus) so that Christmas can be a source of joy and pleasure for all.

Also our partner since 2018, SIOM is once again at our side this year. As part of the sustainable development project at Paris-Saclay University, the company URBAN ECO will be launching an 'Introduction to Composting' initiative with a fun yet practical webinar on Tuesday 1 December, 12-1pm and 5-6pm. The initiative, which will be widely shared by the student vice-presidency, will also include the installation of a collective compost bin for students.

An increasing number of external partners, who are committed to working together as a community, are taking part in our initiatives and offering various types of support:

- The Orsay Town Hall is opening up the MJC Jacques Tati (Community Arts Centre and Youth Club) for the collections organised by AGORAë and the Secours Populaire.
- The Bures-sur-Yvette Town Hall and the MET (Ecology and Environmental Transition Centre) is giving all of the students at Paris-Saclay University a "Solidarity Christmas".