



Volunteers invited to help on Service Day

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Thanks to an army of volunteers, spring cleaning will be made easier for residents in need.

Leadership Worthington will sponsor Service Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 7. The annual event, held on the first Saturday of May, helps those who are no longer able to do work around their homes or in their yards.

"Many of the residents we help are in their 80s and 90s or many have had knee or hip surgeries that prevent them from doing the home and garden chores they want and need to do," said Rose Byrd, chairwoman of the Service Day Committee, in a press release.

Examples of work done by volunteers, who work in small groups, include spring house-cleaning, garden cleanup and planting, mulching and washing windows.

Volunteers will gather at Kilbourne Middle School, rain or shine, at 8 a.m. for a pancake breakfast provided by the Kiwanis of Northern Columbus. During the breakfast, the 2010 Leadership Worthington Leadership for a Lifetime Awards will be announced. Crews will head out into the community at 9 a.m.

Individuals, families and youth groups are invited to volunteer and assigned one or more jobs as they arrive. No registration is required, but volunteers are encouraged to register ahead of the day by calling Leadership Worthington at 614-883-3057 or emailing execdir@leadershipworthington.org. Volunteers under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

"We've been providing this service for the community since one of our adult Leadership Worthington Classes designed the event in 1993," said Executive Director Joan Bird in a release. "We run errands, scrub floors, plant gardens, wash windows, move patio furniture, weed gardens and between bricks, and once replaced roofing on a community park tool shed. We even programmed a television remote control last year."