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United Way gathers nearly 3,000 youth to volunteer for Global Youth Service Day

TOLEDO, Ohio – In an effort to alleviate local hunger, increase access to healthcare and encourage healthy lifestyles, United Way of Greater Toledo, community partners and youth volunteers, will be participating in the largest youth service event in the world.

Nearly 3,000 youth volunteers are set to serve our community on Saturday, April 16 for Global Youth Service Day. United Way of Greater Toledo *Volunteer Center* coordinated the event, which includes more than 60 work sites **spanning across Lucas, Wood, Ottawa, and Fulton Counties**. Projects range from assisting at communal meal sites and food pantries, to park clean up and planting in community gardens.

“The buzz around our office has been tangible in the last few weeks as anticipation builds toward Global Youth Service Day. I am continually in awe at the thousands of youth that have made a commitment to be involved in their communities, and chosen engagement over apathy. To see what will culminate on Saturday, with thousands of millennials giving back to their neighborhoods, makes me certain that the future of our cities is in good hands,” said Phil Ryburn, Volunteer Coordinator at United Way of Greater Toledo.

The event is sponsored in part by United Way of Greater Toledo, Youth Service America, Advanced Incentives, Keep Toledo/Lucas County Beautiful, Fiat Chrysler LLC, Vito’s Pizza, Buckeye CableSystem, and Cornerstone Church.

“It’s fantastic to see so many youth participating in this great service opportunity! This is a rewarding experience for our youth, and will have positive outcomes for our local nonprofit community,” said Karen Mathison, president and CEO of United Way of Greater Toledo.

Global Youth Service Day is an annual program coordinated by Youth Service America, allowing local youth to better serve their neighborhoods and communities. The day is celebrated in more than 100 countries worldwide and is the largest single day of service event in the world.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities or how you can get involved next year, visit unitedwaytoledo.org/volunteer or simply dial 2-1-1.

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United Way of Greater Toledo, serving Lucas, Wood and Ottawa counties, unites the caring power of people to improve lives. We are made up of problem solvers, difference makers, and opportunity creators. Together, we’re on a mission to change lives forever in our community by investing in programs focused on education, financial stability, and healthy lifestyles. We tackle the tough problems in these areas by funding and partnering with the most effective local organizations who create real opportunities and get results. You can give, you can advocate, and you can volunteer – that’s how to LIVE UNITED. For more information, visit www.unitedwaytoledo.org.