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## **Kiwanis International Unites for Day of Service on April 5**

*Kiwanis One Day kicks-off National Volunteer Week*

*by contributing \$3.5 million of volunteer hours to local communities*

INDIANAPOLIS, IN—Kiwaniis International’s day of service, April 5’s Kiwanis One Day, will bring together Kiwanis clubs from around the world for a day of giving back to local communities. This year, the event kicks off National Volunteer Week, and more than 26,000 Kiwanis members are expected to participate in the United States, donating \$3.5 million worth of service.

“Kiwaniis One Day is an opportunity for our clubs to join together on one day and make a visible difference in communities around the globe,” said Kiwanis International Executive Director Stan Soderstrom. “Often, the work is hard, but the need in our local communities is great. Our Kiwanis clubs address needs that would otherwise go unattended.”

Kiwanis members identify community service projects relevant to their area’s local needs. This year, activities include park cleanups in San Jose, CA, Great Falls, MT, and Portland, OR; food drives in Kansas City, KS, and Fort Myers, FL; and general home maintenance, repairs and building activities in Dixon, IL, and Lanoka Harbor, NJ.

“Ten years of budget cutting in San Jose have left many community services in disarray, especially the city’s parks program,” said Jerry Neece, a member of the West San Jose Kiwanis Club. “Many of the city’s 220 parks receive only rudimentary maintenance, and tasks, such as cleaning, non-native species removal, weed pulling, litter pickup, graffiti removal, painting, and tree and shrub planting, go undone. To respond to this often very visible need, over the last six



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years, members in the San Jose area have concentrated on San Jose Adopt-a-Park for their Kiwanis One Day projects.”

Kiwanis One Day was established in 2007 to unite the Kiwanis clubs and their communities in the spirit of service and to make an immediate and measurable impact on communities around the world. This special day of service includes the entire Kiwanis family—Kiwanis, Aktion Club, Circle K, Key Club, Builder’s Club and K-Kids—in 80 countries around the world.

For more information about Kiwanis One Day, please visit [www.kiwanisone.org/oneday](http://www.kiwanisone.org/oneday).

## **About Kiwanis**

Founded in 1915, Kiwanis International is a global organization of clubs and members dedicated to serving the children of the world. Kiwanis and its family of clubs, including Circle K International for university students, Key Club for students age 14–18, Builders Club for students age 11–14, Kiwanis Kids for students age 6–12 and Aktion Club for adults living with disabilities, dedicate annually more than 18 million service hours to strengthen communities and serve children. The Kiwanis International family comprises nearly 600,000 adult and youth members in 80 countries and geographic areas. For more information about Kiwanis International, please visit [www.kiwanis.org](http://www.kiwanis.org).



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