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“100 Hours of Power”

Five Days of Powerful Service in Cleveland’s Neighborhoods and Ward 5

City Year Cleveland will host its first annual “100 Hours of Power” serve-a-thon in Ward 5 and the surrounding neighborhoods in Cleveland. This year’s event will unite **City Year Cleveland’s** 60 corps members, students, and 500 community volunteers in completing more than a dozen community beautification projects throughout Slavic Village, North and South Broadway, Miles Union, and Kinsman.

The 100 hours of round-the-clock service will begin **Tuesday, May 13, 8 am, with an Opening Ceremony held at Zelma George Watson Recreation Center, 3155 MLK Jr Drive.** Following the ceremony, volunteers will spend the day cleaning, refurbishing and landscaping in and around Zelma George.

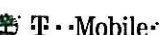
During the remainder of the week, 60 Corps Members and staff from **City Year Cleveland** will join more than 500 community volunteers in partnership with numerous local non-profit organizations and the corporate community. Projects include landscaping and preparation at the Community Garden on Fleet and E. 55th, painting and cleaning at Cleveland’s Willow K-8 School, painting houses with the Burten, Bell and Carr Development Corporation, painting a mural with Rails To Trails, painting and spring cleaning at University Settlement, painting blacktop games at Fullerton K-8 school, cleaning empty lots, and removing trash throughout Ward 5. Volunteers will also be participating in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District Annual “We Are Family” Walk for Fitness and working with the Fine Arts Expo.

Volunteers will spend evening shifts at an overnight location in Ward 5, performing service and preparing for the next day’s projects. The 101st and final hour of service will end at **Willow K-8** starting a **Closing Ceremony at 1:30 pm on Saturday, May 17.**

City Year is a national non-profit organization in its 20th year of operation whose mission is to build democracy through citizen service, civic leadership, and social entrepreneurship. **City Year Cleveland** is one of 17 U.S. sites that unites 17 – 24 year olds for one year of full-time community service, giving them the skills and opportunities to change the world. Currently, City Year Cleveland’s 60 corps members serve by tutoring and mentoring Cleveland students, arranging service days for businesses and volunteers, and leading after-school youth development programs and spring break camps.



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