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Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism Awards 2011 Make A Difference Day Mini-Grants

Grants support four community service projects

Columbus, OH. – The Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism (Serve Ohio) announced today that four organizations received Make A Difference Day Mini-Grants to promote civic engagement around Ohio. Make A Difference Day is Saturday, October 22, 2011.

The mini-grants will support projects that create or improve community assets or infrastructure, such as parks, schools, senior centers or community gardens. The various projects will involve a broad spectrum of community participants, include collaborative partnerships amongst businesses and non-profits, and benefit entire communities around Ohio.

The Commission awarded these grants with support from our 2011 Stewards of Service – Honda of America and AEP Ohio. Each grant totals \$1,000.

Below is a listing of the 2011 Make A Difference Day grant recipients:

Groveport Madison Local Schools, Groveport, Ohio – “Kids Helping Kids” Make A Difference Day will include eleven schools and area businesses in the district to gather, sort, box and distribute supplies to two homeless shelters which house their homeless students.

After School Discovery, Inc., Ashtabula, Ohio – “Kids Make a Difference Day – Discovery Way” will connect eighty children in grades K-12 with service learning and hands-on projects in the Ashtabula Area City Schools. Projects target maintaining clean waterways, visiting the elderly in nursing homes and building wheelchair ramps.

The Potter's House Ministries, Inc., Sciotoville, Ohio – “Make A Difference – Lend a Hand” will encourage civic pride by organizing four hundred volunteers in a city-wide litter sweep of the streets and sidewalks.

HandsOn Central Ohio, Columbus, Ohio – One hundred volunteers will participate in a community clean-up project in Weinland Park located in the University District. Projects will include litter clean-up, inventory of surrounding alley conditions and planting fall perennials.

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The Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism (Serve Ohio) strengthens Ohio communities through service and volunteerism. Through programs and initiatives funded and supported by Serve Ohio, thousands of Ohioans of all ages engage in and are recognized for their service. Interested participants may learn more about Serve Ohio at www.serveohio.org.