

Day of Service Press Release:
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Day of Service Hosted by Penn State Homecoming *Volunteers serve State College Community*

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (Apr. 5, 2014) — Penn State Homecoming hosted its annual Day of Service Saturday April 5 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The day was intended to allow Penn State students to have an opportunity to get involved in the State College community.

This year's Day of Service had approximately 220 volunteers. Volunteers tended to 15 different service sites around State College such as Lederer Park, where volunteers completed yard work, PAWS, Pets Come First, and Nittany Greyhound, where volunteers cleaned and played with animals, Penn State OPP, State College Area School District, and local nursing homes. The day allowed for participants to become familiar and give back to the local businesses who support the Penn State community.

Leah Giralico, the Homecoming University Relations Director thought the Day of Service was a huge success. "It was great that we were able to send volunteers all over the community and honor Penn State's purpose by giving back," she said.

Homecoming directors faced a challenge this year deciding when to host the Day of Service, which is typically held in the fall semester. "'Homecoming is very early in the fall this year, but we still wanted to be able to give back to the community and make sure that we still held our Day of Service. The spring seemed to be the best option," said Giralico.

No matter where they were serving, Penn State students enjoyed getting involved. "I do the Homecoming Day of Service because it is a great way to spread Homecoming's mission throughout the community and it's also a really great way to give back," said Caroline Weiss, a junior elementary education major who spent the day volunteering at State College High.

Homecoming will host its 4th annual Legacy Celebration April 16 in the HUB-Robinson Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

About Us

Penn State Homecoming is a student-run organization with aims to celebrate tradition and instill pride in all members of the Penn State family through active engagement of students, alumni, faculty and staff across the community. Our organization is comprised of many student volunteers who donate their time to creating a multitude of events that make the Homecoming celebration a yearlong event.

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