

Lilly Global Day of Service Media Backgrounder: Indianapolis Projects



Fresh Impressions: *Create a cityscape that blooms with vibrant flowers, plants, and trees.* Nearly 3,000 volunteers will plant flowers, trees, and grasses in public spaces, at historical sites, and along major Indianapolis roadways/interchanges.

- **Interstate 70, Holt Road Exit:** 1,496 volunteers will plant 16,000+ plantings, 150+ trees
- **West Washington Street near Zoo/White River State Park:** 313 volunteers will enhance medians near Indianapolis Zoo and mulch more than 1,100 trees in White River State Park
- **HARMONI:** 634 volunteers will plant trees and enhance outdoor areas at
 - Six Indy Parks – Broad Ripple Park, Tarkington Park, Andrew Ramsey Park, Elwood and Mary Black Park, Canterbury Park and 61st and Broadway Park
 - College Avenue from 38th St. to 65th St. corridor and corners at Westfield and College and Monon Trail at 65th St.
 - Meridian Street corridor from 38th St. to Westfield Blvd.
 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center
- **Martindale-Brightwood:** 486 volunteers will enhance two neighborhood parks: Washington Park and Oscar Charleston Park
- **SEND:** 23 volunteers will create a pathway of trees and other plantings to buffer the highway and connect the neighborhood along Leonard Street between Hosbrook Street and Lexington Avenue.

Growing to Learn: *Help create and revitalize learning spaces at area schools and community centers.*

3,110 volunteers will work on developing playgrounds and improving the educational environment at facilities for local children. Volunteers will enhance outdoor play areas at more than 25 local schools, many of which are IPS schools. Several of these projects will be led by local Boy Scouts who are seeking to earn their Eagle Scout badges.

- **Schools include:**
 - Oaks Academy (251 volunteers)
 - Warren Township Schools (400 volunteers)
 - Belzer Middle School (221 volunteers)
 - Providence Cristo Rey (400 volunteers)
 - Sidener Academy (105 volunteers)
 - International School (145 volunteers)
- **KaBOOM!** : 433 volunteers will build much-needed playground equipment at IPS #31 and IPS #39.
- **Governor's Residence:** 83 volunteers will enhance Hoosier Heritage Garden and grounds for educational visits by Indiana 4th graders
- **Lilly Sustainability Garden:** 461 volunteers will plant more than 48,000 plantings to create a sustainable downtown park at the southeast corner of Alabama and South Streets.

Urban Renewal: *Bring the Circle City to life with creativity and artistic expression.*

830 volunteers will paint pre-designed murals along several visible areas and pathways surrounding downtown Indianapolis that could utilize rejuvenation. The murals were made possible via the collaborative efforts of the city's leading arts organizations.

- **Mural locations and themes:**

- White River Parkway between Washington Street and Oliver Avenue (commonly known as the "D loop"): Theme was inspired from ideas and thoughts from the students at Key Learning Community to reflect their neighborhoods and environment.
- Morris Street at S. Madison loop underpass: Aquatic theme
- Westfield Blvd between 65th Street and Coil Street: Students from Broad Ripple High School researched what type of wildlife existed along the waterway both past and current. The theme is animals from both the water and land.
- Rogers Pools Building at 6400 Westfield Blvd: The building will connect past images from the original Broad Ripple Pool from the early 1900's. This fits well with the Rogers Pools theme since this is their storage building. On the back, which faces the Monon Trail, will be an "old look" postcard that says greetings from Broad Ripple.
- Oaks Academy (indoors): Historical figures

Restore the Shore: *Restore natural beauty to one of our city's most important waterways.*

Nearly 500 volunteers will clean and rejuvenate the banks of our vital waterways in Indianapolis.

- **Pleasant Run Parkway:** Year 2 of a multi-year project to slow the water moving into the combined sewer overflow and to help filter water going into our waterways

Neighborhood Inspirations: *Rejuvenate facilities and homes used by Indianapolis residents in need.*

More than 850 volunteers will work with local community organizations, including several United Way agencies, to paint, clean, and enhance their facilities. Some of the sites include the Concord Center, Wellsprings, and Brightwood Community Center.

Habitat for Humanity: *Build a brighter future for Indianapolis families in need.*

Approximately 500 volunteers have teamed-up to construct two Habitat for Humanity homes, which will be officially dedicated to the new owners on May 20. The homes are located at 1118 and 1122 Harlan St.

Soaringwords: *Provide hope to Indiana children through artistic expression.*

Approximately 350 volunteers will work with fourth and fifth grade children from the Indianapolis Public School ReadUP program to craft messages of hope on blankets and pillows in a festive group environment. Completed blankets and pillows will be delivered to children at Wishard hospital or local homeless centers. Among the 14 IPS schools participating are IPS #46, IPS#31 and IPS#51.

Transfer of Hope Walk: *Transfer hope to MDR-TB patients around the world.*

An anticipated 1,500 volunteers will transfer hope to patients around the world via funds raised from a one-mile walk for the Lilly MDR-TB Partnership. Locally, the one-mile course will be located at Lilly Technology Center. Lilly has committed to donating up to \$50,000 for this walk.

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