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1,200 Hours of Service by Madeira Students

On Friday, September 28, over 400 Madeira High School (MHS) students and teachers took part in the school's annual Day of Service, sponsored by the Madeira Schools Foundation.

Day of Service shows that kindness through service is more than a graduation requirement at Madeira. Every student in Grades 9 through 12 is given the opportunity to sign up at one of over 30 locations, which they travel to by school bus. This year students helped out at locations such as Center for Holocaust & Humanity, LaSoupe, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Cincinnati Toolbank, and Pediatric Congenital Heart Association performing jobs like raking, painting, cleaning, wrapping, organizing, and mulching. Each group of students has at least one Madeira staff member accompanying it.

Madeira's Day of Service began in 2007 as a way to showcase student service. "One of the most gratifying parts of it for me is to hear students say it's their favorite day of the school year," MHS counselor Kim Homer commented. "It has definitely increased our district's reputation in the community."

MHS freshman Faith Pape was excited to participate in her first Day of Service. No stranger to community service, Faith's mom took her to Matthew 25 Ministries to volunteer as a child. "I started getting into volunteering then, and this summer I worked as a Cincinnati Zoo Summer Camp instructor," Faith stated. "It's really cool how the whole high school does Day of Service."

Prior to boarding the buses, students were greeted with the MHS Marching Band drummers performing the school's anthem 'On Madeira.' Fellow students and teachers then shared the importance of community service in their own daily lives through AmeriCorps, service trips to Peru and Nepal, Tupelo House, and Unified for Uganda.

Along with Kim Homer, MHS staff members Kelly Wing, Leigh Michelsen, Michelle Youngquist, and Michelle Whitmore make up the Day of Service committee. To date, over 4,000 Madeira High School students have performed more than 13,000 hours of assistance on the MHS Day of Service.



Pictured ready to board the buses are (front l to r): Hunter Smith, Gabby Hugentobler, Kate Kolkmeier, Campbell Masys. Row 2: Sarah Hicks, Mick Mattson, Aidan Mitchell. Row 3: Thomas Redmann, Graham Redden, Elijah Depiore