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Trident United Way volunteers complete hundreds of projects on Day of Caring

Make that "Days" of Caring, as other volunteer events to be rescheduled due to rain

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – Thousands of volunteers from companies across the Tri-County braved rain and chilly weather to make the 19th annual Trident United Way Day of Caring one to remember.

Due to the weather, some teams of volunteers will choose alternate dates to complete their projects. When complete, more than 5,500 volunteers from 139 companies will have completed approximately 264 projects at 152 sites. That equals 23,000 volunteer hours with an estimated* community benefit of \$262,000. (*calculated using federal recommended hourly rate of \$11.11)

Trident United Way's Day of Caring is a success thanks to dedicated companies and volunteers. Ingevity served as this year's Presenting Sponsor.

"At Ingevity, our mission is to purify, protect and enhance the world around us," said Michael Wilson, Ingevity president and CEO. "This extends beyond the products we make every day to the communities in which we operate and the Charleston area which we call home. We're proud to be the presenting sponsor of Day of Caring for the second consecutive year, and more importantly, we're thrilled to have more than 100 of our employees out in the community working to make a difference."

Barbara Rivers stepped away from her laboratory manager job at Ingevity to work up a sweat and get a little dirty while scraping tile off the hallway floors at Chicora School in North Charleston. The project was done coordination with Metanoia.

"It's so important to engage in the community, I look forward to this every year. Rivers said. "The goal today is to clean, rejuvenate and protect this space. There's lots of potential in this building, it just needs a little work. My Ingevity team is proud to be part of this."

"Day of Caring is a special tradition and it is a true testament to dedicated companies and teams of volunteers who all come together to show their love of our community," said Chloe Knight Tonney, Trident United Way president and CEO. "Day of Caring shows the power we all have to make the Tri-County a better place for everyone through so many projects that touch so many lives in a positive way. For volunteers who braved the rain or perhaps worked up a sweat working indoors, we are deeply grateful for a job well done and look forward to your continued partnerships."

Improving our community is something the Trident United Way does daily. To learn more about volunteering, visit www.tuw.org/volunteer.

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