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Volunteers make a difference

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It's Wednesday — get up, get out and do something good!

A lot of people are doing just that. They're part of Monroe County United Way's Day of Action, when almost 200 volunteers blanket the community to do chores that need doing at area nonprofit agencies, but which are too big or that regular staff and volunteers just don't have the time for.

Beneficiaries are the agencies and indirectly the people served by those agencies, which range from the Boys and Girls Club to the Red Cross to day care centers across the city.

Kids at the several centers and preschools will directly benefit by being read to and by taking home a favorite book, one of 300 that will be given away today.

Hats off to all involved, including the many local businesses that are feeding today's crews and offering financial support.

The day not only yields real, measurable accomplishments; it builds community among the volunteers themselves, allowing them to own a real piece of Bloomington, and for the agencies that get to share.

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