



16th Annual Chicago Cares
Serve-a-thon
Saturday, June 13, 2009



Big Day. Better Schools. Brighter Futures.

**ON JUNE 13, THOUSANDS OF VOLUNTEERS WILL COME TOGETHER FOR ONE PURPOSE:
TO REVITALIZE SCHOOLS AND BRIGHTEN THE FUTURE OF 30,000 CHICAGO CHILDREN**

JOIN US FOR THE 16TH ANNUAL CHICAGO CARES SERVE-A-THON!

Who: Chicago Cares builds a stronger community through volunteerism. We work closely with community leaders and partners to identify needs, create tailored group volunteer projects and mobilize thousands of volunteers to meet these needs. Our more than 200 monthly projects focus on children's and adult education, hunger, health and wellness, senior services and the environment, providing you the opportunity and the flexibility to serve alongside others who share your passion.

What: The Annual Serve-a-thon is the city's largest day of service. More than 8,000 volunteers will register to show their commitment to our city's schools as we paint, plant, clean, organize and build at 35 schools across our city.

The Serve-a-thon works like a walk-a-thon, but instead of walking, volunteers revitalize an under-resourced school, creating a vibrant space for children to learn and grow.

Where: Volunteers meet at Serve-a-thon Plaza (Lower Hutchinson Field in Grant Park), located at the southeast corner of Balbo & Columbus Drives. After check-in, buses transport volunteers to and from school sites across the city.

When: Saturday, June 13, 2009 from 8:00 - 5:30 p.m. (including a post-event celebration with live music and free food and beverage)

Why: Chicago's children need us! Research has shown that the physical environment of a school is a stronger indicator of a student's academic success than family background. The 30,000 students who attend our Serve-a-thon schools deserve a bright, clean, welcoming place to learn, and YOU can make that possible.

How: There are many ways to be involved:

- [Start a team of volunteers](#)
- Join an existing team or a [Chicago Cares team](#)
- [Make a pledge](#) to support a Serve-a-thon volunteer today

To learn more or register today, visit www.chicagocares.org.



**ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AND JOIN US TO REVITALIZE SCHOOLS AND
BRIGHTEN CHILDREN'S FUTURES ON SATURDAY, JUNE 13!**

Register at www.chicagocares.org or call 312.780.0800