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The East Chattanooga Weed and Seed and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, along with many other faith-based and community organizations, are linking arms Saturday, April 24, 2010 for a Day of Service in the East Chattanooga community. The day will begin with registration behind Parkridge Medical Center at 8 a.m. and culminate with closing ceremonies at approximately 3 p.m. Service projects will be available for all ages and skill levels and include painting and sprucing up local daycares, nursing homes and public schools, graffiti eradication, and landscaping.

Over 2000 volunteers are expected to lend a hand in this day of service, as part of the 2nd Annual Day of Service for 11 states in the Southeast for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Last year's inaugural Day of Service yielded over 47,700 participants with over 223,000 man hours donated. Community partners in Chattanooga included a myriad of organizations like Kenco Logistic Service, The Home Depot, Servant Leadership Christian Fellowship, Stop the Madness, Inc., Blood Assurance, City of Chattanooga Department of Parks and Recreation, City of Chattanooga – Public Works, Erlanger Hospital, Memorial Healthcare System, Parkridge Medical Center, Chattanooga-Hamilton County Health Department, City of Chattanooga Neighborhood Services, Orchard Knob Middle School, I.A.B.P.F.F. – International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters, Eastside Taskforce – Health Committee Partners – Law Enforcement Partners, Neighborhood Associations, Churches in the East Chattanooga Area, Hungry Howie's Pizza, and Pepsi.

The East Chattanooga Weed and Seed is a community-based strategy sponsored by the US Department of Justice as an innovative, multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention and community revitalization. Its primary goal is to improve the quality of life in East Chattanooga for all residents and businesses.

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