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Waynesburg University to participate in USA TODAY's national service initiative

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WAYNESBURG, PA— The Waynesburg University Center for Service Leadership will host a service event to celebrate “Make a Difference Day,” Saturday, Oct. 24.

“Make A Difference Day” is a USA TODAY initiative, backed by the Gannett Company and TEGNA Inc., in collaboration with Points of Light. With millions of volunteers from across the nation uniting in a common mission to improve the lives of others, it is one of the largest national days of community service.

For more than two decades, “Make A Difference Day” has been celebrated annually on the fourth Saturday in October and connects people with opportunities to serve, increases the strength of communities and promotes civic engagement.

The University’s event, “WU Make a Difference Day,” is sponsored by USA Today and is focused on serving the local community. The project will benefit Greene County residents through several service opportunities including academic tutoring, animal safety, educational awareness programs, environmental stewardship and youth programs.

“A day of service provides the Waynesburg University community the opportunity to utilize their talents, skills and passions to address the needs within Greene County and make a difference,” said Kelley Hardie, assistant dean of student services.

Waynesburg University students, faculty, staff and alumni can choose from 11 local service sites in which to participate, such as Crisis Pregnancy Center, Humane Society of Greene County, Lion’s Club Park and World Vision.

The University’s football team is also sponsoring a fundraising event in conjunction with “WU Make a Difference Day” that will benefit Kurt Detwiler, a former football player who was injured in a car accident. Service participants will assist in hosting a spaghetti dinner at First Baptist Church.

For more information, contact Kelley Hardie at 724-852-3461.

Founded in 1849 by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Waynesburg University is located on a traditional campus in the hills of southwestern Pennsylvania, with three additional sites located in the Pittsburgh region. The University is a member of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU) and is one of only 21 Bonner Scholar schools in the country, offering local, regional and international opportunities to touch the lives of others through service.

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