



**PRESS RELEASE: Ferris State University Students Gearing Up for The Big Event 2013; Volunteers Needed**

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Included below is a press release on The Big Event, a large Ferris State University student-run community service project in the Big Rapids community. The Big Event organizers are making a call for volunteers to participate in this year's event to try and make it the biggest ever at Ferris. The contact information is contained in the press release. Any questions about this release can be directed to Sandy Gholston, News Services and Social Media Manager.

Attached is a photo from the 2012 version of The Big Event.

To read the online version of this story, visit:

<http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/archive/2013/march/bigevent.htm>

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BIG RAPIDS - Ferris State University's Student Government is sending out the call for students to volunteer for the Big Event 2013, billed as "One BIG day. One BIG thanks. One BIG Event."

The university's largest student-run volunteer project, scheduled for Saturday, April 3, is an opportunity for Ferris students, faculty and staff to give back to the community many call home. Last year, more than 1,800 students performed small service projects at about 290 homes in the Big Rapids area.

"The Big Event helps students realize and recognize that they are a part of a bigger community," said Byron Williams, Student Government president. "It's something that RSOs (Registered Student Organizations) and student groups look forward to every year, and we're trying to increase our volunteer count to 2,000 students at 300 homes in the area."

Volunteers begin the day with a free breakfast provided by Student Government and an opening ceremony featuring Ferris President David Eisler and Big Rapids Mayor Mark Warba, a cannon launch by Ferris ROTC and a performance of the national anthem. After receiving a free T-shirt and supplies, students head out to assigned homes for a morning of projects such as yard work or painting.

Students can earn up to six hours of community service.

"You hear so many stories about community members who make cookies for students or give them lunch," Williams said. "The community is so involved, and students feel the love from them when they


go out and help.”

Students interested in participating can print off an application at <http://ferris.orgsync.com/org/fsustudentgovernment/forms>. Forms are due at 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 27.

For additional information, call the Student Government Office at (231) 591-2611 or visit The Big Event 2013 on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/416206675115972/?fref=ts>

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