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## GE Appliances & Metro United Way Partner for Transformative Volunteer Project in Parkland & Chickasaw

*More than 600 GEA volunteers to enhance nonprofits along Greenwood Avenue*

LOUISVILLE, KY – October 12, 2017 – [Metro United Way](#) and [GE Appliances](#) will partner today for a transformative volunteer effort that will aim to complete over 15 major projects on this day of service.

GE Appliances (GEA), a Haier company, joined forces with Metro United Way (MUW) to engage community partners, neighborhood leaders, residents and more than 600 GEA volunteers in improvements to nearly 10 nonprofit and community sites from 32nd to 45th streets on Greenwood, a central artery of the Parkland and Chickasaw neighborhoods in Louisville’s West End.

The signature GEA fall project—done this year in collaboration with MUW as a part of the organization’s 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration—is a result of months of planning and partnership to ensure the work focuses on the needs of community nonprofits and residents. GEA volunteers will look to make capital improvements to the following sites:

- Parkland Boys & Girls Club
- Trinity House Excellence Academy Early Learning Center
- AMPED (Academy of Music Production Education and Development)
- Flaget Field Park
- Area churches and communal spaces, which received landscaping and beautification in partnership Louisville Metro Government, Metro Parks and Olmsted Parks

In addition, American Red Cross and the Louisville Fire Department will also lead volunteers in a home fire preparedness campaign in nearby neighborhoods.

“We are excited to be able to serve the Greenwood corridor neighborhoods. I am truly amazed at the spirit of volunteerism and scope of work our employees have taken on this year,” said Rich Calvaruso, GEA Fall Volunteer Project Leader.

GEA volunteers will tackle projects ranging from installing a new gaming station, walls and cabinets at the Boys & Girls Club; to renovating kitchen space and constructing the new natural playground at Trinity House; to providing much needed upgrades to the bathrooms and reception space at AMPED; to landscaping Chickasaw Park and five churches along Greenwood. The street itself will also receive new trash receptacles and welcome banners.

“The Fall volunteer project is a great example of the positive impact our community can achieve by mobilizing GEA volunteer expertise and labor, marshalling community resources and tapping into Metro United Way’s wide network of neighborhood based organizations,” said Theresa Reno-Weber, President at CEO at Metro United Way. “Volunteers who give freely of their time and talent are our most powerful resource. Together – because no one individual or organization can do it alone - we will win our fight for every individual, child and family to achieve their full potential through education, financial stability and health,” she said.

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