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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CALLING ALL NEIGHBORS TO JOIN HUNDREDS OF HELPING HANDS IN DAY OF SERVICE

Kingsport, TN - Friends of Warriors' Path State Park, Keeping Kingsport Beautiful and many other corporate and community-based organizations will be linking arms by sponsoring a Day of Service in partnership with the Great American Clean-up to beautify our community on Saturday, April 21, 2012.

The mission of the Day of Service is for churches, civic organizations, and government agencies to link arms to strengthen local communities with meaningful service projects that will help those in need, beautify communities, build friendships, and bolster the spirits of all. On April 21st, project emphasis will be at Darrell's Dream Boundless Playground: a one-of-a kind place for children of all abilities created solely by the community and at the Greenbelt in conjunction with Keeping Kingsport Beautiful and the Great American Clean-up.

In Kingsport, kick-off events featuring speeches from local politicians will begin at 8:30am: Darrell's Dream Boundless Playground at Warriors' Path State Park and the parking lot next to Pets-Mart at the Greenbelt access. After the kick-off events, work will ensue at both locations with the Greenbelt Clean-up expected to be finished by 12:00. Lunch will be served to volunteers at Warriors' Path State Park volunteers with work ending around 2:00pm.

Over two hundred volunteers are expected to lend a hand in this year's projects in Kingsport alone as part of the 4th Annual Day of Service. Similar service projects will be taking place in Bristol and Johnson City. Please note that Warriors' Path's Darrell's Dream Boundless Playground will be closed for playground patrons on April 21st from 8am to 4pm. All other facilities at Warriors' Path State Park will remain open.

Neighbors, churches and youth groups are invited to volunteer and join the cause to make our community a better place – the best place to live! To find out more about each project, to become a sponsor or to sign-up to volunteer, please visit DayofService.org.

Kingsport's Day of Service 2012 will be made possible by many helping hands. Sponsors donating man-hours, goods and/or services include: American Eagle Outfitters, Celebration Church, Christ Fellowship Church, City of Kingsport, DiscoverStevia.com, Dunkin Doughnuts, Food City, Friends of Warriors' Path State Park, Home Depot, JA Street & Associates, Keeping Kingsport Beautiful, Kiwanis Club of Kingsport, Krogers, Lakefront Disc Golf Club, Lions Club of Kingsport, Office Depot, Northeast Tennessee Master Gardeners, Palmer Center Foundation, Perkin's Restaurant - Colonial Heights, Shamrock Restaurants, LLC (McDonald's) locally owned and Operated by Diane Washburn, Target, Tribal Council of the Remnant Yuchi Nation, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and Wal-mart Super Centers of Kingsport, Young Leaders Society.

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Friends of Warriors' Path State Park

Darrell's Dream "Boundless Playground"

"DAY OF CARING" Volunteer Work Day OVERVIEW



EVENT: "Day of Service" Volunteer "WORK DAY" at Warriors' Path State Park and Darrell's Dream Boundless Playground including Lion's Narnia Braille Trail, "fully accessible" Anderson Treehouse, Palmer Center Foundation Amphitheater, Wildflower Walk, hands-on Herb Garden, Rain Gardens and landscaping throughout playground, Friends of Warriors' has partnered with Church of Latter Day Saints "Day of Service" and other civic and professional organizations to provide much needed maintenance to Warriors Path State Park and Darrell's Dream Boundless Playground to preserve and maintain a high quality park for area residents and visitors alike to enjoy. This date is chosen in particular to ready the park for the busy spring and summer season!

DATE: Sat. April 21, 2012 8am – 3pm
Playground Closed for day to allow intensive "Clean-up, Maintenance Projects"

NEED: Individuals of all ages! Everyone can pitch in. Willing volunteers can choose from numerous projects that best fits their interest and ability. Teams organized morning of event. Volunteer Group leader(s) designated for each project area to work with adult and youth volunteers to guide and direct project(s).

WHO WE ARE - Friends of Warriors Path State Park

Formed in 2000 with the purpose to mobilize volunteers, business and industry, area civic and Professional organizations to assist park staff in the preservation and perpetuation of Warriors' Path State Park, one of the most visited state parks in Tennessee.

Our Mission: To conserve the Park's natural resources and to maintain and improve the Park's facilities for recreation, education, and enjoying nature.

Past and present Friends' projects include:

- Development of "Darrell's Dream" Boundless Playground, Lions Narnia™ Braille Trail, The Anderson Tree house and most recently construction of the Palmer Center Foundation Amphitheater (Opening 4/12).
Darrell's Dream is ... **A place where all ALL CHILDREN of ALL ABILITIES can play together!**
- Park beautification,
- Improvements, expansion and irrigation of soccer fields
- Upgrading and expanding biking, hiking and walking trails including the mountain bike trails
- Improvements to Frisbee golf course
- Renovation to Open Air Chapel amphitheater and overflow campground amphitheater

Friends of Warriors' Path - "Day of Service" – Mary Steadman, Project Chair

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Attend church at Celebration



DAY OF SERVICE 2012

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As many of us know, hard times have fallen on many people and organizations leaving them no choice but to cut back and tighten belts. Many families and communities have been left in distress and in need of service. Public organizations have had budget cuts and are in need of volunteers to help them maintain their facilities and grounds. The Day of Service is designed to bring some relief for people and organizations feeling the pinch of the economic recession.

We would like to invite Celebration Church to link arms with us on April 21, 2012 in a spirit of community fellowship to help make a difference. We would also extend an invitation to any church members that wish to get more involved in the planning and preparation for the day. (rain date April 28th).

This is Church of Latter Day Saints 4th annual Day of Service. Warriors' Path State Park is one of the main projects undertaken each year. Other projects have included Kingsport Greenbelt clean-up, Coalition for Kids facility and grounds repair, YMCA facility and grounds maintenance, park beautification, disaster relief and food drives just to name a few. We would greatly value your participation and input. To find out more about Church of Latter Day Saints Day of Service please visit dayofservice.org.

Chair persons for Day of Service at Warriors' Path are:

Friends of Warriors: Mary Steadman 423-956-4330 mary.steadman@milespartnership.com

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Planning for Day of Caring has just begun, we are excited Celebration Church may be joining us with this important community ministry. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you might have. *We look forward to hearing from you!*

Friends of Warriors' Path State Park

"Day of Service" - Saturday, April 21, 2012

GROUPS PARTICIPATED in the PAST

75 Volunteers	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
5 Volunteers	Christ Fellowship Church
5 Volunteers	Wal-mart Super Centers- Colonial Heights & Stone Drive
3-5 Volunteers	Optimist Club
3-5 Volunteers	Lion's Club of Kingsport
6-10 Volunteers	Kiwanis Club of Kingsport / Sullivan South "Key Club"
5 Volunteers	American Eagle Outfitters Retail
5-10 Volunteers	Alternative Correctional Services
3-4 Volunteers	Friends of Warriors' Path
5-10 Volunteers	Northeast TN Frisbee Golf Association
3 Staff Volunteers	Warriors Path State Park
3-4 Volunteers	Northeast Tennessee Master Gardeners
5 Volunteers	Home Depot
5 Volunteers	Lowe's of Kingsport
3 Volunteers	Tribal Members of the Remnant Yuchi Nation
3-5 Volunteers	United Way Young Leaders Society

150 – 200 volunteers GOAL

PAST SPONSORS: Wal-mart Super Stores, Express Signs, Food City, Krogers, Arbico East, Shamrock Restaurants, LLC (McDonalds), Home Depot, Lowe's, Target, Dunkin Doughnuts, Office Depot, DiscoverStevia.com

PROJECTS / SCHEDULE PLANNED:

8:15am Registration / Refreshments Team

8:45am WELCOME - Mary Steadman / Representative Tony Shipley

Group Photo / PRAYER

Playground Sweep - ALL TEAMS pick-up Trash, cigarette butts, kick-up rubber mulch for to remove rocks and other debris

TEAM 1 – 2- ½ ton truck loads of gravel spread on perimeter walk – Braille Trail / Scrub, Pressure Wash Bridges

TEAM 2 – Leafs blown and bagged / 4 tons Rubberized mulch delivered and spread to all fall zones in playground

TEAM 3 – 2- ½ ton truck loads of sand installed and spread in Sand Island

TEAM 4 – Creek Rip Rap Team - Rip rap removed from creek. If needed again, lightly concreted in to prevent movement in future.

TEAM 5- Braille Trail Maintenance – Clean and do any repairs to all 8 Braille Trail Interactive Stations and signage.
Treehouse Trail Maintenance – Clean 5 History and 6 Native Animal interactive stations.

TEAM 6 – Butterfly Garden - Blow leaves / bag for removal. Weed gardens, then mulch. Plant additional butterfly attracting plants, etc.

TEAM 7 – Playground Gardening Team - Weed ALL Garden areas (in playground, adjacent to both parking lots / Trim broken limbs, remove dead plants. Plant replacement plants in Sensory Garden

TEAM 8 – All Playground Equipment pressure washed and cleaned. Including Restrooms and trash cans

TEAM 9 - Pressure wash and clean entrance pavilion, picnic pavilion and picnic tables

TEAM 10 - 2 – ½ ton truck loads of landscape mulch spread in all landscaped after leaves blow and weeded

TEAM 11 - Frisbee Golf Course Team - Repair / Re-build the Dam on Hole 15 by Creek, Pick-up Trash along course, Install 5 new tee signs, spread mulch around Frisbee golf baskets at designated areas

TEAM 12 - Work on "NEW" Rain Gardens under development. Plantings, mulch, river rock laid, etc.

TEAM 13 – Mountain Bike Trails – Work on blazing new trails and clearing trails from winter growth

12Noon Lunch provided all Volunteers / Door Prizes

3:00pm ADJOURN – Ice Cream Sandwiches for the VOLUNTEERS REMAINING!