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GRATITUDE AND GROWTH

Dear Sponsors,

This year's Day of Service at Century Villages at Cabrillo was extraordinary—not only because of the impact we made together but also because it marked the 10th anniversary of this inspiring initiative.

What began in 2014 in Ft. Lauderdale with just **seven volunteers** has grown into a movement of community transformation. Over the years, the Day of Service has become a cornerstone of giving back to the ICC Annual Conference host city, fostering collaboration, and creating meaningful change.

In 2024, **thanks to your generosity and partnership, 72 dedicated volunteers** came together to revitalize cherished spaces like **David's Garden** and create joyful play areas for children by installing **new playhouses**. These efforts have left a lasting impact, fostering connection, healing, and growth for residents.

This milestone reminds us of how far we've come and how much more we can achieve when we work together. The event reflects the growing passion for service and the incredible power of partnerships between sponsors, volunteers, and local communities.

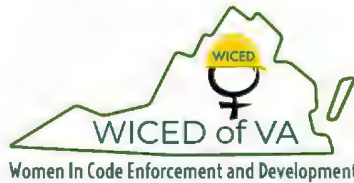
We hope you feel the pride of being an essential part of this journey. Your support has been instrumental in our success.

As we reflect on this incredible milestone, let's explore the outcomes we achieved together and get inspired by the future.

With heartfelt gratitude,
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A day of service, a lifetime of impact – thank you to everyone who joined us!

EVENT OVERVIEW

Century Villages at Cabrillo (CVC),
Long Beach, CA

CVC is a unique supportive housing community in Long Beach, California. It provides housing and services to more than 1,500 residents, primarily veterans and their families. The community focuses on helping residents achieve stability, wellness, and a higher quality of life. [Click here to learn more about CVC.](#)

On October 19, 2024, at Century Villages at Cabrillo, 72 volunteers from PTN, WICED, ICC, and HFHLA joined forces for the largest Day of Service. The event marked a **453%** increase in participation over the last decade, showcasing the growing dedication to making a difference.

This memorable day was filled with meaningful actions that will leave a legacy for the CVC community. This growth reflects our volunteers' passion and our sponsors' unwavering support.



Little houses, big impact – volunteers create spaces for kids to dream and play.



Gardens, benches, and playhouses – building a better community, one project at a time.



MAKING A LASTING IMPACT

The 2024 Day of Service left an indelible mark on the Century Villages at Cabrillo (CVC) community, creating spaces that enhance daily life and foster connection. Your generosity and partnership were the driving force behind the success of the 2024 Day of Service. Thanks to your support:

David's Garden Transformation:

Volunteers revitalized this cherished greenspace with:

- Planting tables to support gardening activities.
- Vibrant plants and trees will beautify the area.
- Shaded benches with integrated planter boxes offer residents a serene space to relax, connect, and grow fresh produce.

Playhouses for Families:

Two colorful playhouses were installed:

- One in the community playground, providing a joyful and safe play space for children while giving parents peace of mind with nearby seating.
- Another is at a partner organization's backyard play area, designed for children under five, fostering creative play and exploration.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

THE CVC PERSPECTIVE

The impact of the 2024 Day of Service extends far beyond the projects completed. It has touched the lives of residents and brought joy to families.

Christine Byrne, Senior Director of Fund Development at Century Villages at Cabrillo (CVC), shared:

"The children who live on-site have been enjoying the playhouse that we placed in our community playground area. The younger children have really liked it, and their parents like it even more as we placed it close to one of our picnic tables so they can have a place to sit, but also be close to monitor their child(ren)'s play."

She also highlighted the value of the second playhouse, placed in a partner organization's backyard:

"They have many youth under five, so the playhouse was a welcomed addition to their play area."



Turning over a new leaf: Volunteers breathe life into this Long Beach garden.



Christine expressed her gratitude for the event:

"Thank you again for all your work on the Day of Service as well as all the planning efforts that went along to making that day come to fruition. We are very grateful for everyone's hard work and support!"

RESIDENT TESTIMONIALS

The CVC community felt the direct impact of your support through these heartfelt testimonials. Together, we built planting tables, planter benches, and revitalized a community garden, creating a welcoming space for residents. The residents also participated in planting trees donated through LBDHHS Nutrition Security Initiatives' Community Garden "Seed Opportunity."

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"It looks so much better! I love the new benches with the planter boxes and new plants included. This will be such a nice place to sit and take a break while enjoying our garden." – Esther.



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"Thank you for all the new tools and plants. The garden looks so much more inviting, and there are so many great vegetables growing in here for us to enjoy." – Don.



BEYOND WALLS

BUILDING HOPE AND COMMUNITY

People often envision constructing new homes when thinking of Habitat for Humanity or a Day of Service. However, meaningful impact doesn't always require building walls and roofs. Projects like playhouses and green spaces profoundly enhance the quality of life—providing families with joyful escapes, safe play areas, and spaces to relax, connect, and heal.



The building industry gives back. Gardens, benches, and playhouses – building a better community, one project at a time.



VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

The event also fostered a sense of camaraderie and teamwork, with volunteers coming together from diverse backgrounds to achieve shared goals.

Volunteers shared overwhelmingly positive feedback about their experience, giving the event an average rating of **4.88 out of 5**. Here's what some had to say:

- "Day of Service was a rewarding experience! It was inspiring to see the volunteers come together to positively impact this community. The camaraderie and willingness to do any job by all was uplifting."
- "I enjoyed seeing everyone working together and seeing the garden transformed."
- "How much 80 people can do in just a few hours! We helped them so much, and I'm so proud to be a part of the organization!"
- "Such a great way to connect with the WICED, PTN, and ICC communities and leave a positive impact on the community in a short amount of time."

Our volunteers' positive energy and teamwork reflect the spirit of service that makes this event so impactful.





Creating spaces for imagination to flourish – two beautiful playhouses built with care.

Why Participate in a Day of Service?

Make a Difference: Transform lives and communities through hands-on, meaningful projects.

Build Connections: Strengthen relationships with like-minded professionals who share your passion for service.

Grow Personally: Gain new perspectives, learn valuable skills, and deepen your understanding of the communities we serve.

Experience Fulfillment: Feel the joy and satisfaction of creating lasting change and helping others.



NEXT STOP:



Because Guests Don't Come Empty-Handed, Instead of Flowers or Pie We Bring Time and Talent!

The success of the 2024 Day of Service proves one thing: good guests show up ready to work. In 2025, we're taking that mindset to Cleveland, Ohio, on October 18th as part of the ICC Annual Conference.

From a handful of volunteers in 2014 to a 72-strong crew this year, we've built more than benches and gardens—we've built a reputation for leaving every host city better than we found it. Cleveland will be no different.

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE:

- **Become a Sponsor:** Help us bring the tools and resources that make an impact.
- **Join the Team:** Put your time and talent into work where it counts.
- **Share Your Ideas:** Every great project starts with a vision—yours could be next.

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Let's honor our next host city by showing up as guests who deliver. Together, we'll keep building a legacy that outlasts the visit.