

Make a Difference Day celebrates 10 years in Larimer County

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This year marks the 10th anniversary of Make A Difference Day in Larimer County, one of the largest volunteerism events of its kind in the country.

Make A Difference Day is a national day of volunteerism, but in Larimer County it's a week-long event taking place Oct. 19-24.

"There are so many types of projects available that we believe there is something for everyone," said Adam Molzer, director of United Way of Larimer County's Volunteer Center. "We anticipate more than 3,000 community residents to participate this year."

Last year more than 3,700 people volunteered, completing about 90 projects in Larimer County.

The event is so successful locally that it's a six-day event. United Way of Larimer County's Volunteer Center coordinates local nonprofit organizations, churches, schools and neighborhoods to host volunteer projects and recruits volunteers to complete them. There are projects for individuals, groups, youth, families, seniors and everyone in between.

"Volunteers are extremely valuable. A project that could take one staff person days to accomplish can be completed by a small group of volunteers in a matter of hours," said Carrie Landers, resource specialist with Lutheran Family Services.

The nonprofit organization hosted a Make A Difference Day project last year and is signed up to participate again.

For more information, visit www.uwaylc.org.