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**3,000 NEW YORKERS REVITALIZE MORE THAN 35 NYC PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DURING THE 27TH ANNUAL NEW YORK CARES DAY FOR SCHOOLS**

***The annual volunteer day and fundraising effort spanned all five boroughs to support
New York Cares' year-round education programming***

(NEW YORK, NY, October 20, 2018) – Thousands of New York Cares' volunteers worked to revitalize more than 35 high-need public schools across all five boroughs in New York City today during the annual New York Cares Day for Schools. More than 3,000 volunteers completed hundreds of projects while raising key funds to support improving education in New York City and New York Cares' year-round education projects.

The volunteers painted classrooms, organized libraries, created murals, and transformed gardens and playgrounds to provide a brighter, more engaging learning experience for students. This year, 11 schools in Manhattan, 16 schools in Brooklyn, 5 schools in the Bronx, 1 school on Staten Island, and 3 schools in Queens were revitalized by volunteers.

New York Cares Day for Schools is the culmination of a citywide fundraising campaign where participating volunteer teams raise funds to support New York Cares' year-round volunteer-led programs that supplement the education kids are receiving in school. The majority of the participating schools receive Title 1 funding from the government, which provides financial assistance to schools with high percentages of students from low-income households.

“By revitalizing the look and feel of high-need public schools both inside and out, New York Cares volunteers help to boost both student and teacher engagement in classrooms and help to make our city a brighter, cleaner, and more inviting place to learn,” said New York Cares Executive Director Gary Bagley. “With over 23,000 students dropping out of high school each year, New York Cares continues to focus year-round on our high-impact education programs because we believe that it is fundamental for students' development and opportunity.”

New York Cares manages more than 10,000 year-round projects in elementary schools, assisting students with homework, math, and reading; runs the largest free SAT prep program in NYC, which has increased SAT scores by an average of 200 points; and trains volunteers to consult with 950 students and their families to obtain nearly \$3 million in potential financial aid for college. All donations made

during the Cares Day for Schools campaign will support these volunteer-led programs and many more like them. To make a donation please visit: <https://www.newyorkcares.org/schools>.

New York Cares Day for Schools is the city's largest day of hands-on volunteering in the public schools. This annual day of service is coordinated by New York Cares – the city's leading volunteer management organization – in partnership with the NYC Department of Education.

New York Cares Day volunteers spread out across the city, collectively improving:

- **11 schools in Manhattan, including P.S. 38 M Roberto Clemente Learning Complex.** P.S. 38 M believes that children who are provided with positive learning experiences gain a sense of accomplishment regardless of race, ethnicity, religion and socioeconomic background via a sound educational program coupled with high expectations. On New York Cares Day for Schools at P.S. 38 M, volunteers painted gates, murals, and classrooms, planted bulbs, reorganized the school library, and beautified other indoor and outdoor spaces.
- **16 schools in Brooklyn, including H.S. 594 K Gotham Professional Arts Academy.** H.S. 594 K supports and nurtures the whole student both academically and socio-emotionally through the inclusion of family and community-based partnerships, like their programs with New York Cares. On New York Cares Day for Schools at H.S. 594 K, volunteers painted, reorganized, gardened, and beautified the library, play areas, and other indoor and outdoor spaces.
- **5 schools in the Bronx, including M.S. 323 X Bronx Writing Academy.** M.S. 323 believes that socio-economic learning is critical to success and that students learn best when they are engaged in meaningful, rigorous instruction that promotes student disclosure and critical thinking. On New York Cares Day for Schools at M.S. 323, volunteers painted, reorganized, gardened, and beautified the library, play areas, and other indoor and outdoor spaces.
- **3 schools in Queens, including P.S. 253 Q.** P.S. 253 Q provides a quality educational experience for its students that is inclusive of the arts, science, technology, and emphasizes social-emotional development. On New York Cares Day for Schools at P.S. 253 Q, volunteers painted fences, reorganized the school library, gardened, and beautified other indoor and outdoor spaces.
- **1 school on Staten Island, P.S. 57 SI Hubert H. Humphrey School.** P.S. 57 SI is committed to providing a safe nurturing environment while engaging and inspiring their students to become lifelong learners, responsible citizens, and successful contributors to the world. On New York Cares Day for Schools at P.S. 57 SI, volunteers helped paint, reorganize, and beautify indoor and outdoor spaces, including touching up a mural.

About New York Cares

New York Cares is the largest volunteer network in the city. Last year, 64,000 New Yorkers made the city a better place by volunteering in New York Cares programs at over 1,300 nonprofits and schools – improving education, meeting immediate needs, and revitalizing public spaces. For more information, visit newyorkcares.org.

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