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**1,500 NEW YORKERS REVITALIZE 15 NYC PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DURING THE 28TH 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 19, 2019) – More than 1,500 New York Cares volunteers worked to revitalize 15 high-need public schools across all five boroughs in New York City today during the annual New York Cares Day for Schools. Volunteers completed a variety of beautification 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, 7 schools in Manhattan, 5 schools in Brooklyn, 1 school in the Bronx, 1 school on Staten Island, and 1 school 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. Each of the participating 15 schools receives Title 1 funding from the government which provides financial assistance to schools with high percentages of students from low-income households.

“Over a thousand New York Cares volunteers will refresh and revitalize high-need public schools in every borough, helping to boost student and teacher engagement in classrooms and make our schools a brighter, cleaner, and more inviting place to learn,” said New York Cares Executive Director Gary Bagley. “We are passionate about creating close connections between the volunteers and the schools, helping to foster community year-round for our high-impact education programs, which we believe is essential for a brighter future for every student.”

New York Cares manages more than 10,000 year-round projects in elementary schools, assisting students with homework, math, and reading. In 2018, New York Cares served 3,255 students through its College Access programs and students in the SAT Prep program increased their scores by an average of

100 points. 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://newyorkcaresday2019.funraise.org/>.

New York Cares Day for Schools brings New Yorkers together for hands-on volunteering in the city's 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:

- **7 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 accomplishments 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 the school office, murals, and classrooms, built benches, and beautified other indoor and outdoor spaces.
- **5 schools in Brooklyn, including P.S. 196 K Ten Eyck.** P.S. 196 K is committed to working towards the enhancement of their standards-driven instructional program, creating high levels of academic excellence for all students in each discipline, including English Language Learners and students with special needs. On New York Cares Day for Schools at P.S. 196 K, volunteers painted, reorganized, gardened, and beautified play areas, and other indoor and outdoor spaces.
- **1 school in the Bronx, P.S. 18 X John Peter Zenger.** P.S. 18 X offers a safe and supportive environment with a wide variety of courses, extra-curricular activities and services to keep each student passionate about school every day. On New York Cares Day for Schools at P.S. 18 X, volunteers painted, reorganized, gardened, and beautified play areas, and other indoor and outdoor spaces, including building a reading nook for their Read and Rescue Room.
- **1 school in Queens, 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 inspiring quotes, sorted book sand 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 painting line games in their play yard.

About New York Cares

New York Cares is the largest volunteer network in the city. Last year, 52,000 New Yorkers made the city a better place by volunteering in New York Cares programs at over 1,100 nonprofits and schools – improving education, meeting immediate needs, and revitalizing public spaces. For more information, visit newyorkcares.org.

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