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**ServeNebraska Funds Volunteer Week Youth Service Projects Across Nebraska**

**LINCOLN, Neb.** – In recognition of Nebraska Volunteer Week, Apr. 21-27, ServeNebraska has awarded a total of over \$4,700 in grant funds to organizations and groups engaging an estimated 600 young Nebraskans in community service projects across the state. The grants aim to inspire young Nebraskans to become service-minded citizens and stay involved in their communities long-term.

Service projects will be completed during Nebraska Volunteer Week and participating youth will complete projects including beautifying community spaces, creating care kits for those in need, hosting donation drives and more.

Organizations and groups which have been awarded National Volunteer Week Youth Service Grants include:

McCook High School  
Abide Omaha  
Lancaster County Teen Council  
Conservation Nebraska  
International Council for Refugees and Immigrants  
Blue Hill Community Schools 4th Grade  
Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln  
Lawrence/Nelson Public Schools  
Bensonhurst Neighborhood Association  
Belmont Community Center

“Nebraska is known for its culture of service and the enthusiastic response to this grant opportunity is proof of the passion our citizens have for community service,” said Cathleen Plager, executive director for ServeNebraska. “We hope that these projects will serve to inspire Nebraska’s newest generation of volunteers.”

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**About ServeNebraska**

ServeNebraska is the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission and is governed by a bipartisan board appointed by the Nebraska governor. Its mission is to mobilize Nebraskans to strengthen their communities through collaboration, volunteering and national service. ServeNebraska oversees AmeriCorps programming, hosts the state’s most prestigious volunteer awards – the Governor’s Step Forward Awards, and provides training and technical assistance. To learn more, visit [serve.nebraska.gov](http://serve.nebraska.gov).