

Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations
In collaboration with
Los Angeles County Community and Senior Services
Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation

*Invite you to participate in
2009 Teens Make A Difference Day*



**MAKE A
DIFFERENCE DAY**
NATIONAL DAY OF DOING GOOD



TEENS MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2009

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TEENS MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY 2009

FACT SHEET

- When:** Saturday, October 24, 2009 – all day and encouraged year-round*
- Where:** Parks, Schools, Streets, Senior Centers, Homeless Centers etc. throughout Los Angeles County
- Who:** Teens, schools, community/youth organizations, government agencies
- What:** One-time and on-going volunteer and/or community service projects.
*Intergroup and inter-community projects strongly encouraged.

Teens Make A Difference Day 2009 is a countywide program coordinated by the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations' to encourage and support teens/youth organizations, schools, religious institutions, and government agencies with their efforts to engage teens in planning and implementing a one-time or on-going self-initiated and self-organized volunteer community service projects in the community.

This year, we are encouraging teens to consider and undertake shared projects that involve collaboration with teens from different communities, schools and/or organizations to help the homeless. The Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations through its **zerohour: No Haters Here!** youth initiative is committed to promoting efforts to increase awareness and leadership of young people to understand and take an active role in working to improve intergroup relations and understanding among and between different communities, groups, faiths, etc. and in confronting bullying, disrespect, sexism, racism and other forms of intolerance and discrimination by their peers throughout the county.

The L.A. County Commission on Human Relations is coordinating **Teens Make A Difference Day 2009** in collaboration with Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, L.A. City Department of Recreation and Parks, L.A. Unified School District Health Education Programs, and L.A. Unified School District Beyond the Bell Branch.

Over the past two years, more than **6,000 teens have organized and participated in over 200 different community service projects** as part of our L.A. Countywide effort to support national **Make a Difference Day**. In 2007, Los Angeles County was recognized as one of the top ten national efforts by **USA Weekend Magazine and (Paul) Newman's Own Foundation**. Youth from Jesse Owens Park in south L.A were featured on the cover of April 2008 edition of USA Weekly Magazine and introduced on the field in a pre-game ceremony at Dodger Stadium. Make A Difference Day is a national annual program sponsored by Points of Light Foundation and USA Weekend Magazine.

This year's goal is to encourage teens to develop and implement projects with teens from different schools, communities, religious institutions, clubs, and racial or ethnic groups to work hand in hand to make a difference! We would also like to increase the number of participating teens and number of teen-initiated community service projects to over 200, while introducing youth and teens to the Commission on Human Relations' **zerohour.com No Haters Here! youth initiative's and 2010 Project One: One Love. One Mic. One Song** songwriting program.

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