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OU students make a difference

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Oakland University students will be out in force in the **community and on campus** during the national day of helping others -- **Make a Difference Day**. Like millions of people throughout the nation, on Saturday, Oct. 26, OU students will participate in community service projects.

"Every year we get an amazing response and a good group of students," says Sara Crampton, coordinator of student leadership development. "This is an important part of the OU experience, where students learn what it means to be a good citizen and the importance of contributing to the community."

OU students can help beautify an empty lot on the east side of Detroit through the "Greening of Detroit" project. Thirty students will join other volunteers on Finch Street to plant trees and shrubs from 9 a.m. until noon. Students will meet at 8:15 a.m. in the Fireside Lounge in the Oakland Center, and carpool to the location.

Volunteers are also needed for the "OU Campus Clean Up." Students will meet in front of Hamlin Hall, and be provided garbage bags and poker sticks to clean up debris and garbage around campus.

Make a Difference Day is an annual event organized by USA Weekend Magazine and is held on the fourth Saturday of October. Last year, 2.2 million people throughout the nation participated in thousands of projects in hundreds of towns, helping an estimated 25 million people.

Pre-registration is required for the "Greening of Detroit," because space is limited. Students are also encouraged to pre-register for the "OU Campus Clean-Up" to ensure enough supplies are available.

Students can sign up in the **Center for Student Activities** office, 49 Oakland Center, or call (248) 370-2400.

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