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United Way's Hands On Savannah partners with Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar for a two-day volunteer project at Marshpoint Elementary School

Savannah - The United Way's Hands On Savannah announces a two-day project that will benefit the students and faculty at Marshpoint Elementary School. On October 16th - 17th more than 50 employees from Applebee's Restaurants in the Savannah area will provide volunteer hours enhancing the grounds and hallways. The school's existing gazebo will be refurbished and improved while an educational garden consisting of indigenous plantings and areas for butterfly plants and experimental plantings will be created. The Applebee's volunteers will also install irrigation, build walkways, mount tiles painted by the students in the hallway leading to the playground and much more. The students and teachers will also be treated to an ice-cream party by the Applebee's employees. In addition to the volunteer hours, the Company is investing more than \$35,000 in products and services for Marshpoint Elementary.

"We are thrilled with the opportunity to support our local neighborhood on such a large-scale project," said Carl Jones, Applebee's Area Director of the Savannah market. "Each restaurant works with local schools and charities on various events throughout the year, but this was a unique opportunity to bring all of the managers together for one great cause."

United Way's Hands On Savannah volunteer program matched Applebee's with Marshpoint after receiving a call from the group requesting help in finding a school located near one of their restaurants in the Savannah area where they could make a positive difference through volunteering.

Hands On Savannah helps individuals, families and corporate and community groups find flexible volunteer opportunities with service organizations and schools in Bryan, Chatham, Effingham and Liberty Counties.

EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:

WHAT: Hands On Savannah – Applebee's Volunteer Project
WHERE: Marshpoint Elementary School-135 Whitemarsh Island Road
WHEN: October 16th - October 17
TIME: 9:00am – 4:00 pm
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Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar is the largest casual dining concept in the world, with more than 1900 locations nationwide. The Savannah-area Applebee's are owned and operated by AppleGrove Restaurants, one of the oldest and largest franchisees in the Applebee's system. AppleGrove currently operates more than 100 Applebee's in eight states, including the 7 locations in the greater Savannah region. AppleGrove embraces the Applebee's neighborhood philosophy through active participation in and support of the local communities served by each Applebee's restaurant. For more information about Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, visit www.applebees.com <http://www.applebees.com/>. For more information on the local franchisee, visit www.applegrove.com <<http://www.applegrove.com/>.

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