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Work On Wilmington to Rejuvenate Area Schools and Non-Profits on Saturday 1,900 Volunteers Scheduled to Participate

Wilmington, NC— This Saturday, April 23rd, marks the 11th Annual Work On Wilmington workday. This annual event brings together a broad spectrum of Wilmington area individuals and businesses to work together to make Wilmington a better place to live. Some of the 27 projects selected for this year's event include creating a rooftop event space at the Harrelson Center, a vegetable garden at Lake Forest Academy, painting the Visitor Center at the Battleship North Carolina, building activity grounds for basketball and volleyball at the GLOW Foundation, and much more.

Work On Wilmington is a function of Leadership Wilmington, a civic leadership development program of the Wilmington Chamber Foundation. Work on Wilmington (WOW) is an annual event held every spring. 1,900 volunteers are scheduled to dedicate a half day this year to tackle the 27 projects across Wilmington.

In the last 6 years this Wilmington Chamber Foundation event has raised and spent in excess of \$400,000 on Work on Wilmington projects. Major sponsors for 2016 include: PPD; Corning Foundation; GE Hitachi; The Home Depot Foundation; and New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

Volunteer efforts are made possible by over 70 area businesses and individuals who provide materials, services and financial support. It is estimated that over \$130,000 in free labor is provided by the volunteers who participate in Work On Wilmington. Because many hands are collectively working, projects that would take months to accomplish are completed in just 4 hours.

Volunteers will be working at the following project sites:

Elderhaus, Inc.
Sunset Park Elementary
Brigade Boys & Girls Club

Community Boys & Girls Club
First Fruit Ministries
NourishNC
Carousel Center
Lower Cape Fear Hospice
Blue Ribbon Commission
WARM, Inc.
The Good Shepherd
Battleship NC
Harrelson Center
Johnson Pre K
Yahweh Center Children's Village
Howe Pre K
Neonatal Family Advisory Council
Domestic Violence Shelter/Open Gate
Cape Fear Literacy Council
Kelly House
Communities in Schools
Wilmington Health Access for Teens
Lake Forest Academy
Cape Fear Center for Inquiry
Island Montessori
GLOW Foundation
Wilmington RiverWalk

About Work On Wilmington

Work On Wilmington is an annual community service event organized by Leadership Wilmington, a civic leadership development program of the Wilmington Chamber Foundation. Work On Wilmington was launched by the 2006 class of Leadership Wilmington. The mission is to make a difference by inspiring people to work together on community projects that make Wilmington a better place to live. For details, visit www.workonwilmington.org. To learn more about Leadership Wilmington, contact Haskell Rhett, Wilmington Chamber Foundation, at (910) 762-2611 (ext. 204) or rhett@wilmingtonchamber.org.