This September, over 1,900 volunteers from The Mission Continues united in service, with support from The Starbucks Foundation, as part of a national service campaign to honor the 17th anniversary of September 11, 2001. Our veteran volunteers organized 52 service projects nationwide to make a difference in their communities and remember those who served and sacrificed in the wake of 9/11/01.

52 SERVICE EVENTS IN 47 CITIES
1,941 VOLUNTEERS
10,398 HOURS OF SERVICE
$256,726 WORTH OF COMMUNITY IMPACT NATIONWIDE

*Based on Independent Sector estimate of the value of a volunteer hour at $24.69/hour in 2018*
“September 11th is the National Day of Service and Remembrance. The goal is to keep alive the spirit of unity and compassion that arose in the immediate aftermath of the September 11th attacks in tribute to the individuals lost and injured in the attacks, and the many who rose in service in response. For me, giving a few hours of my time to improve the lives of others is the least I can do to honor those who served.”

— ZACH LEONARD, DALLAS 1ST PLATOON MEMBER AND CARMAX EMPLOYEE
Having grown up here, I know firsthand that there are times when children in this neighborhood will see and hear things that they shouldn’t have to, there will be times when they are faced with a decision to be a part of something dangerous or illegal, or feel that there is “no way out” for them. Veterans have a unique perspective on the world and it’s possibilities; being able to share that is powerful. If nothing else, just showing the children of Slavic Village that someone cares enough to spend some time improving the neighborhood, instead of tearing it down, goes a long way.”

— Thomas Tyrity, Cleveland 1st Platoon Member and US Marine Corps Veteran
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– JAMES HUGGINS, PHILADELPHIA 1ST PLATOON LEADER AND US AIR FORCE VETERAN

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT: DETROIT 2ND PLATOON

OUR COMMUNITY PARTNER: Fitzpatrick-Warwick Park

OUR MISSION: Detroit 2nd Platoon’s mission addresses the revitalization and utilization of green space in Detroit for a more beautiful, safer and healthier community. The platoon collaborated with community residents to create a plan for improving Fitzpatrick-Warwick Park.

OUR IMPACT:
Volunteers joined our veterans to:
• Winterize five picnic tables with three gallons of stain;
• Fill two raised garden beds with soil and shovel 25 yards of mulch; and
• Plant over 60 flower bulbs that will bloom in the spring.

MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

WCAU, Philadelphia’s NBC station, ran a television story highlighting our 9/11 service project at Thomas Edison High School in partnership with The Starbucks Foundation.

New York’s PIX11 News interviewed The Mission Continues Staff Member, Marvin Cadet, about our 9/11 service project at Van Dyke Playground in Brooklyn, NY.

“Impressive! Your efforts are having a real impact.”
– PIX11 NEWS anchor

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Thank you so much to The Starbucks Foundation, who not only generously supported this campaign, but brought their partners out to help us give an “extra shot of good,” and supported our efforts and veterans in communities across America.

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