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### **Make A Difference Day Grants Encourage Student Volunteerism**

The fourth Saturday of October is "Make A Difference Day," the largest national day of helping others – a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. Anyone - young or old, individuals and groups - can participate by carrying out a volunteer project that helps others. It might be as ambitious as collecting truckloads of clothing for the homeless, or as personal as spending an afternoon raking leaves or washing windows for an elderly neighbor or relative.

The Volunteer Center Special Projects Fund, administered within the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin, encourages teachers to engage their students in service learning and direct participation in volunteerism. This fund is providing grants, between \$100–250, to Marathon County schools to provide financial assistance to implement a "Make A Difference" project. The grant can be used to provide transportation, or to purchase necessary supplies or equipment for the project.

The application process is simple. Application forms are available by calling the Community Foundation office at 715-845-9555 and must be submitted by the Foundation's close of business on October 10. Proposals will be reviewed the following week by a volunteer selection committee and recipients will be notified of the status of their application in time to implement their projects by October 25 – Make a Difference Day.

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