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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – With a rake and a prayer, more than 100 Cedarville University students will serve local residents on Saturday, April 8. Students will assist up to 50 Village of Cedarville residents and senior citizens by raking yards, washing windows, pulling weeds and helping with other home and yard maintenance projects through its “CU in the Community” project.

CU in the Community gives students opportunities to volunteer in the community one weekend each semester. This Saturday, they will spend the day helping community members, especially those physically unable to do the work themselves.

“CU in the Community has allowed me to talk with people in the community and help people who have real needs,” said Jesse Clark, a junior intercultural studies major from Greensboro, North Carolina who has been on several projects during her time at Cedarville University. “I see [CU in the Community] as a simple way of making a difference in the lives of those around me.”

According to Keith Holcomb, assistant director of global outreach, CU in the Community encourages students to act in love toward friends and neighbors because Christ loves them. “We want to show that love in our actions,” explained Holcomb. “It helps the community to look nice and helps individuals in the community who are in need of an extra hand.”

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 3,760 undergraduate, graduate and online students in more than 100 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings and leading student satisfaction ratings. For more information about the University, visit www.cedarville.edu.