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College Students Serving Community Through Acts of Kindness

CEDARVILLE, OHIO -- As part of Cedarville University's Global Outreach department's "CU in the Community" event, a group of students will serve Village of Cedarville Residents on Saturday, Nov. 7. Projects will include raking leaves, cleaning windows and clearing gutters. The students will work from 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. throughout the community.

"Our heart is to serve by meeting a practical need, which allows us to live out the gospel," said Keith Holcomb, Global Outreach director. "It is a way to bring light to others by serving and facilitating conversations." Many of the members of the community like to stand outside homes and visit with the students, some even joining in to help with the work.

Students will be required to wear masks, unless they are socially distanced while working outside. Aside from a few exceptions when some homeowners may ask for help inside their garages, the majority of work will be done outside.

Oftentimes, those being served will serve the students as well with brownies or cookies. Several years ago, during a CU in Community event, Holcomb was driving around to check on the student teams and saw a Cedarville resident talking to some of the students, who were asking her how they could pray for her. "She said, 'No, I'm going to pray for you!'" Holcomb recalled. "She asked how she could pray for them, and then prayed over them in a circle."

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 4,550 undergraduate, graduate and online students in more than 150 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 high student engagement ranking. For more information about the University, visit www.cedarville.edu.

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