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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – With the goal of reaching out to the community, Cedarville University students will help local residents with various projects on Saturday, Nov. 14. The program, “CU in the Community,” is sponsored by students and held during a weekend each semester.

According to Keith Holcomb, assistant director of global outreach, up to 50 residents or senior citizens are helped with house projects. These projects include raking yards, washing windows and general home and yard maintenance.

“We want students to live out the Gospel abroad but also up close within the community,” said Holcomb. “Giving a few hours of your Saturday morning is one of the most practical and simple ways to help those in need.”

The idea started through the student organization “Big Bird,” which set aside one day each fall and spring to serve those in need within the village.

Today, 90 students from various student organizations and academic programs join together to aid those who cannot easily perform particular household tasks.

“We want Cedarville to play a part in the growth and community of the surrounding area,” said Holcomb. “This is the perfect opportunity for students to make a difference for Christ – through meeting the menial day-to-day needs of others.”

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 3,711 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.