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WESTERN HOLDS FALL 2005 BIG EVENT

St. Joseph, Mo. —Sept. 28, 2005— Missouri Western State University's center for multicultural education (CME) is once again sponsoring a "Big Event Community Service Day." On Oct. 8, students and employees will spread throughout the entire community to volunteer at several nonprofit organizations in the St. Joseph area. The day begins at 8 a.m. with breakfast on campus, and participants will return to Western for lunch around noon.

According to Tay Triggs, director of the CME, the day is an opportunity for Western students to get involved with community service and to encourage them to continue to help out in community. "It is especially important that our students, as citizen scholars, begin to understand that giving is a responsibility. Service and other acts of kindness are the building blocks of community and citizenship."

Below is a partial list of volunteer locations:

- Boy Scouts of America - Camp Geiger – 9525 County Rd. 388
- Habitat for Humanity – 1625 Beattie and 310 S. 3rd
- Noyes Home – 810 N. Noyes
- National Military Heritage Museum – 701 Messanie
- Faith in Action-Volunteer Caregivers – 1507 S. 10th and 4505 Maxwell Rd.
- Salvation Army Thrift Store – 810 N. 22nd
- Open Door Food Kitchen – 510 Edmond
- America's Second Harvest Food Bank – 915 Douglas St.
- American Red Cross – 410 N. 12th

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- Mid-City Excellence – 604 S. 20th
- The Goodwill Store – 3615 Faraon
- Citadel Health Care – 5026 Faraon
- Country Squire – 1602 Buckingham
- Vintage Gardens – 3310 N. Woodbine
- Living Community of St. Joseph – 1202 Heartland Rd.

The CME is also arranging for participants to join organizations that have adopted highways to use Oct. 8 as a “Clean-Up” day.

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Missouri Western State University is a four-year public institution providing a blend of traditional liberal arts and professional degree programs. The university offers student-centered, high quality instruction that focuses on experience-based learning, community service, and state-of-the-art technology. Western is located in St. Joseph, Mo. and is committed to the educational, economic, cultural and social development of the region it serves.