

WEST GRANGER DAY OF SERVICE

Bluffdale Stake, Westcrest Community and West Valley City Neighbors

Total Homeowners Served:	11
Total Volunteers:	105
Total Resident Volunteer Hours:	90.75
Total MHT Volunteer Hours:	69.25

Another Amazing Day of Service!

Projects on this Day of Service were completed by three different groups: Bluffdale Stake, Westcrest Community, and neighbors of homeowners who completed two projects that were organized and executed by neighbors; these latter two projects were organized by a member of myHometown for his neighbors, and both projects were done by those neighbors: neighbors helping neighbors!

Two projects were completed in the Westcrest community. These also were cases of neighbors helping neighbors! One project was the completion of painting a mobile home, and the other consisted of repairing the roof and painting the exterior of another mobile home. These two projects were organized by members of the Westcrest community and were completed with the assistance of members of myHometown.

Volunteers from the Bluffdale Stake showed up in force, and what amazing jobs that they did! They poured a concrete driveway, dug up an entire yard to prepare it for planting, repaired a deck, replaced fences, trimmed trees, and helped a homeowner to clean out and organize a shed, which included building some shelves!

Tremendous efforts were put into the completion of each project, and tremendous appreciation was the result from each of the homeowners who could not have done those things themselves. Some of their comments are included below.

We want to express special appreciation to the following groups and individuals who contributed time, materials, equipment and expertise which made possible the projects that were completed on this Day of Service:

- Residents of the Westcrest mobile home community who made the painting and roof projects
 possible by helping their neighbors in the planning and execution of the projects.
- Other neighbors who helped their neighbors in the projects that were not associated with those of the Westcrest or Bluffdale stake projects.
- All of the hosts for their assistance in helping to make sure that projects were completed safely, and helping to communicate emerging needs as they arose.

- Sherwin Williams company for their donations of paint.
- Members of the Bluffdale Stake for their incredible efforts in completing their projects which included supplying expertise, tools and equipment that greatly facilitated the work: especially the tractors and tillers that were used for the yard prep project.
- Geneva Concrete company for supplying the concrete for one project.

Rob Bard – Deer Mountain Ward and Bluffdale 3rd Ward

Yard Tilling Prep for Seeding

"We are so grateful for the help to get our lawn ready for seeding. We only expected to see maybe ten people but were amazed by how many people came to help. The work was done so fast. So amazing!! This was a project we could never have done for ourselves and we are thankful for all the help. Our impression of the project done and working with My Hometown was that it was amazing. We appreciated all the contact and updates we got during the whole process. It was great."



Rob Bard (cont'd)



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Rob Bard (cont'd)





Mike Burch - Bluffdale 11th Ward

Deck Repair

"Thank you so much for the help. We couldn't have done the deck on our own. So grateful! Amazing work! Our impression of the project done and working with My Hometown was that we found it to be amazing. We found everyone to be knowledgeable, kind and great communicators."



Mike Burch (cont'd)







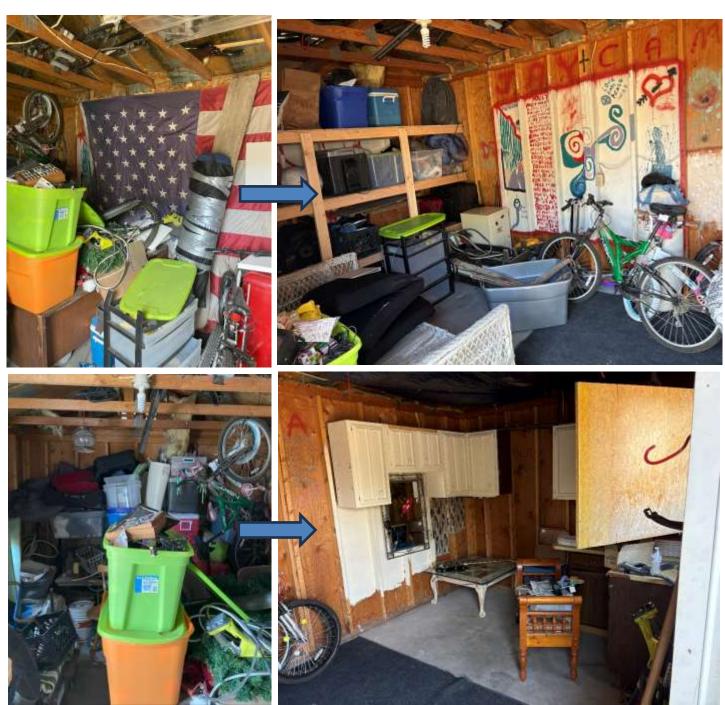




Lorey Mortensen - Bluffdale 7th Ward

Shed Cleanout

"I was amazed by the number of people who came to help clean out my shed. I have physical limitations and I appreciated the help. I was overwhelmed by the number of people who came to help and support me. I want to give the group who came a Big Thank You! My impression of the project done and working with My Hometown was that it was fantastic. I was given information every step along the way. Everyone was so respectful.



Jolyn Pabst - Bluffdale 6th Ward

Concrete Driveway

This project was the culmination of several projects, one of which went rather awry and required a re-start. We appreciate Jolyn's patience as we inadvertently stretched out her project. Thanks to the Bluffdale 6h ward, the project was finally completed correctly, and what a beautiful job they did! Jolyn was very pleased with the result.



Jolyn Pabst (cont'd)









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Nicole Rankin - Bluffdale 12th Ward

Fence Replacement

"Thank you so much!! The workers were so courteous, and did such a good job! I have lots of faith in the job done by My Hometown. I am super thankful! My impression of the project and working with My Hometown was that there was good communication. I got plenty of help and information along the planning time."



Nicole Rankin (cont'd)









Ray Spencer – Bluffdale 2nd and 4th Wards

Tree Trim

"Thank you for being so kind and helpful for me. I appreciated the help with the trees on my property. Everyone is so courteous and friendly. God Bless You!"



Ray Spencer (cont'd)







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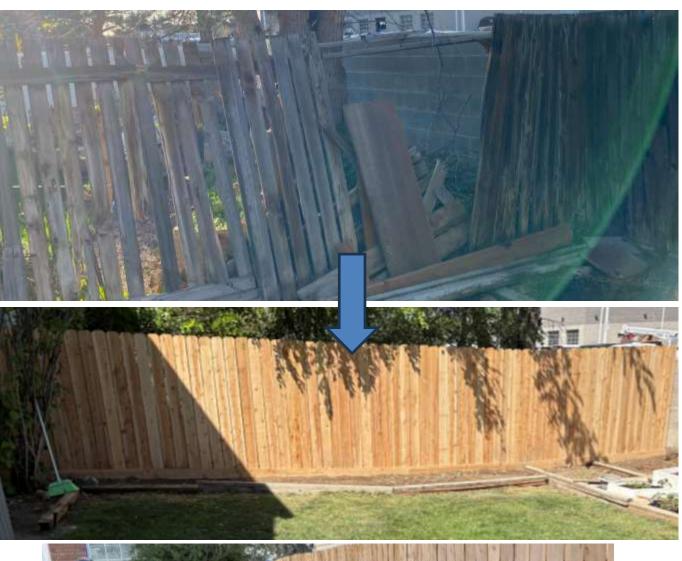




Hein Tran – Bluffdale Sage Ward

Fence Replacement

The primary activity for this project was the replacement of the fence in the back yard, which included clearing out considerable vegetation. The project also included putting additional screws into the fence in the front yard to complete that project that was done in the previous DOS. A small project that had not been planned, but was done anyway. was the building and installation of a small gate on the neighbor's side of the front fence. Hein said of this project, "I would like to thank the people who helped with our fence. I am very appreciative and very thankful for the help. Everyone is so friendly and nice."





Hein Tran (cont'd)









The photo above shows the gate being built for a neighbor to replace the one that was removed when the front fence was replaced.

Debbie Anderson – Neighbors

Bush and Grapevine Removal

This project is one of the two projects that were organized by a member of MyHometown for his neighbors and carried out by his neighbors. An old overgrown grapevine that was damaging a fence and an overgrown bush that was growing up into some wires were removed and debris was loaded into a dumpster.





After Grapevine Was Removed

Debbie Anderson (cont'd)



After Bush Was Removed

Jeff Smith – Neighbors

Tree Trim

This is the other project that was organized by a member of MyHometown for his neighbors and carried out by his neighbors. The tree in the front of the home was trimmed and debris was loaded into a dumpster. When asked about how Jeff felt about the project, he replied, "I appreciate the neighbors I have and for their caring about me and my family. I love the idea of neighbors helping neighbors. In fact, I was able to meet a new neighbor because of working with them to improve our neighborhood. My neighbors, the Kendells, did a great job of planning our neighbor yard work activity. I think the communication between us was great. I did not know anything about My Hometown but I think it is a great idea!"

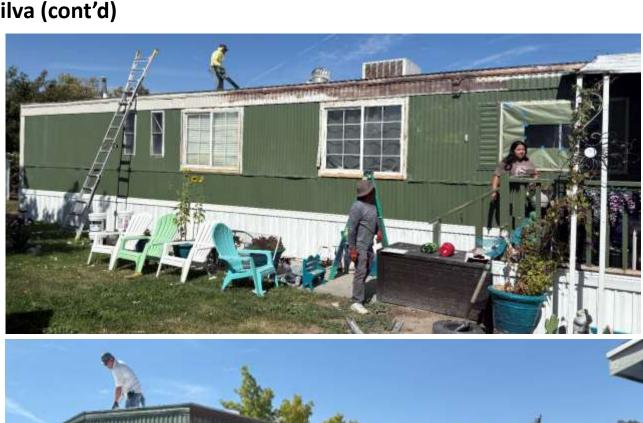


Rosa Silva – Westcrest Community and myHometown Roof Repair and Painting Mobile Home

This project was done by a combination of Westcrest community members and a member of myHometown. Rosa's friends and neighbors prepared the roof for sealing and the exterior of the home for painting. A member of myHometown applied the roof sealant and painted the exterior walls of the home; the trim was painted by Rosa's neighbors and friends. What a beautiful change!



Rosa Silva (cont'd)





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Don Wilbur – Westcrest Community and myHometown

Home Painting

This project was the completion of a project that was started on the previous DOS in June. In that project, all of the white color was painted, and in this project, all of the brown color was painted. Neighbors masked the trim that needed to be done and a community volunteer of My Hometown sprayed all of the brown paint. The two photos below show the "before" and "after" conditions for the latter DOS, and the photos on the next page show the total transformation of the home before and after the two projects. Again, what a beautiful transformation!



Don Wilbur (cont'd)



Westcrest Community Residents

Home Painting

As we were driving through the Westcrest neighborhood on the DOS, we noticed that multiple homes that were not associated with our DOS were also being painted: some on that day and some that had been partially completed prior to this DOS. Although we don't know for sure if this is true or not, we like to believe that our efforts to help beautify the neighborhood by painting several homes in the past several months provided some inspiration to other homeowners to paint theirs also. The two homes below are examples that are in the process of being painted. The facts that the one in the upper photo below is just two homes away from one that was painted during a DOS earlier this year, and the one in the lower photo is directly across the street from a neighbor who is actively involved in myHometown projects seem to support our belief!





