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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

SD National Guard Soldiers volunteer through Day of Caring

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RAPID CITY, S.D. – Members and employees of the South Dakota National Guard were among 964 Rapid City community members who volunteered their time to help those in need during the United Way of the Black Hills Day of Caring, Thursday, Sept. 3.

This year volunteers completed 83 community projects for individuals and organizations in need.

The SDNG provided four teams of volunteers who did painting, staining and yardwork at three homes as well as paint work and landscaping at the Girl Scouts facility in Rapid City.

“The Black Hills community embraces the military and the South Dakota National Guard so the Day of Caring is an opportunity for us to give back,” said Col. Bill Freidel, SD Army National Guard chief of staff.

One team was able to landscape a yard of a former fellow Guardsmen.

“We all feel honored to give back to a veteran and his family because they have given so much to our community, state and nation,” said Maj. Quenten Johnson, SDNG.

The United Way’s primary mission is to raise money for many of the area’s non-profit agencies.

“United Way is about making a positive change in our community,” said Sid Goss, Day of Caring emcee. “It’s a community effort and is only successful when lots of people come together for a common cause. I can’t think of a better example of this than the United Way Day of Caring. A project that touches people in a special way.”

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150903-Z-CW157-001: U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Travis Jorgensen, left, and Staff Sgt. Kyle Schissel members of the South Dakota National Guard's 109th Regional Support Group haul away tree debris from the Girl Scouts of America's Rapid City facility during the United Way's Day of Caring in Rapid City, S.D., Sept. 3, 2015. Day of Caring is a volunteer-oriented event which encourages volunteerism in our community by helping people and non-profit agencies in need. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. 1st Class Theanne Herrmann/Released)



150903-Z-CW157-002: Members of the South Dakota National Guard's 109th Regional Support Group worked on tree removal and painted the Girl Scouts of America's Rapid City facility during the United Way's Day of Caring in Rapid City, S.D., Sept. 3, 2015. Day of Caring is a volunteer-oriented event which encourages volunteerism in our community by helping people and non-profit agencies in need. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. 1st Class Theanne Herrmann/Released)



150903-Z-CW157-003: U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Adam Hillmer, left, and 1st Lt. Terry Berndt both members of the South Dakota National Guard stain a deck for a local resident during the United Way's Day of Caring in Rapid City, S.D., Sept. 3, 2015. Day of Caring is a volunteer-oriented event which encourages volunteerism in our community by helping people and non-profit agencies in need. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. 1st Class Theanne Herrmann/Released)



150903-Z-CW157-004: Members of the South Dakota National Guard's United States Property and Fiscal Office stain a deck for a local resident during the United Way's Day of Caring in Rapid City, S.D., Sept. 3, 2015. Day of Caring is a volunteer-oriented event which encourages volunteerism in our community by helping people and non-profit agencies in need. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. 1st Class Theanne Herrmann/Released)



150903-Z-CW157-005: U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Dave Goodwin operates a saw while Chief Warrant Officer 4 Bill White holds the plywood in place, both are members of the South Dakota National Guard's Joint Force Headquarters, during the United Way's Day of Caring in Rapid City, S.D., Sept. 3, 2015. Day of Caring is a volunteer-oriented event which encourages volunteerism in our community by helping people and non-profit agencies in need. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. 1st Class Theanne Herrmann/Released)



150903-Z-CW157-006: Members of the South Dakota National Guard's Joint Force Headquarters paint the home of a local resident's house during the United Way's Day of Caring in Rapid City, S.D., Sept. 3, 2015. Day of Caring is a volunteer-oriented event which encourages volunteerism in our community by helping people and non-profit agencies in need. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. 1st Class Theanne Herrmann/Released)

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