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Gwinnett Great Days of Service Kick-Off Announced

Volunteer event to be held at Gwinnett Braves Coolray Field on August 25

Lawrenceville, GA (05 August 2011) —The 12th annual Gwinnett Great Days of Service will kick-off with **Volunteer Night** at Gwinnett Braves Coolray Field on Thursday, August 25.

Gwinnett Great Days of Service is the single largest two day public service annual event in Gwinnett County, and one of the largest in the United States. Last year, over 95,000 volunteers combined efforts to complete approximately 500 projects.

The Foster Children's Foundation, well known in the state for their service to 1200 children each year in Gwinnett County, began as a Great Days of Service project back in 2003.

"Gwinnett Great Days of Service has given us the ability to change the lives of local children in need," said Suzanne Geske, executive director of the Foster Children's Foundation. "Volunteering is critical to our community and families," she said. "There is nothing greater than to raise our children with the desire to reach out and help others in need."

Projects are being identified across Gwinnett County to be completed later this fall. Whether you have served in the past, or are just learning about Great Days of Service, come to the kick-off to get connected to this year's event.

From 5:00 - 6:15pm, volunteers are able to pick up a GDOS bracelet and team information in front of the stadium. Participants are invited to attend the Gwinnett Braves game against the Norfolk Tides for a special ticket price of only \$5. For ticket information or to learn how to get involved, visit: www.gwinnettgreatdaysofservice.org or www.facebook.com/gwinnettgdos.

The Gwinnett Great Days of Service is sponsored by: United Way, Primerica, FIS Global, Atlanta Hawks/Phillips Arena, Gwinnett Medical Center, Arthur A Buck Jones, Hands on Atlanta and the Atlanta Community Tool Bank.

