



## ServantLife... We are just beginning to know what happened in New Orleans!

Thank you notes are pouring in from New Orleans, team members, volunteers and even bus companies wanting to express their gratitude for our shared experience called the **2009 ELCA Youth Gathering!** We are still collecting data of the impact of this Gathering that will take years to fully harvest. As you look at the measurable outcomes below, keep in mind that there are very important, harder to measure implications of committed youth and adults who are just getting warmed up to be Lutheran hands & feet in the world.

Please, don't miss the service done by those who were part of learning projects. These groups experienced local culture (like visiting Plantations and seeing the results of slavery or visiting museums and understanding the impact of war) and may feel like they didn't really contribute to New Orleans. It will be harder to capture how learning about oppression impacts the decisions youth and adults make as they advocate for human rights anywhere in our world. This is the real justice part of service as it moves beyond dealing with symptoms to address core issues of injustice to make lasting, systemic changes.

Finally, we are unable to capture what it means to host a Field Day for 2000 children with the New Orleans Recreational Department, join the Jefferson Parish School District in reading with children in 48 elementary schools, provide art work for UNO Charter Schools or even work with Communities in Schools to provide school supplies to every child grades K-3rd in New Orleans schools! We estimate about 244,000 total volunteer hours.

What we can measure is in the box to the right. This is a great first step. Imagine what we can do if this is only the beginning...

Thank you for the privilege of serving beside you!  
 Scott Quillin, ServantLife Operations, Peggy Hahn, ServantLife Team Leader

## This is only the beginning of what Lutheran's are capable of!

- Gallons of Paint: 2292
- Cans of Spray Paint: 310
- Invasive Species Removal:
- 44 tons or 452500 square feet
- Trash Dumpsters: 22
- Trash Bags: 3478
- Mulch: 722 Cubic Yards
- Pine Straw: 41 Bales
- Trees Mulched: 940
- Trees Planted: 605
- Plants Planted: 9245
- Dirt: 502.5 cubic yards
- Murals: 98
- Books: 102500
- School Supplies: 13,500
- Schools: 79
- Play Grounds: 17
- Theaters: 6
- Parks: 20
- Museums: 15
- Cemeteries: 15
- Homes: 155
- Churches: 16
- Libraries: 6 new
- Home Owner Associations: 17
- Hospitals: 3
- Anti-racism Training: 3
- Health Fair: 1
- Day Camps: 5
- Field Day: 1
- Reading Fairs: 5
- Reading at Schools: 48