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Record number of volunteers take part in United Way Day of Caring

BOULDER: A record number of more than 800 local business volunteers took part in the Foothills United Way Day of Caring on Aug. 25. The volunteers completed an estimated \$57,000 worth of work for Boulder and Broomfield county organizations at 92 different sites, said Foothills United Way Executive Director Barbara Pingrey.

It was the 13th year for the event, and Day of Caring volunteers completed a wide range of projects such as building and renovating storage sheds at Boulder Day Nursery, building a mining-themed play area at Over the Rainbow Preschool in Nederland, painting and landscaping at Sister Carmen Community Center in Lafayette, doing landscaping and building storage containers at Ed & Ruth Lehman YMCA in Longmont, and building an outdoor playhouse at Bal Swan Children's Center in Broomfield.

Among the many area businesses taking part were Ball Aerospace & Technologies, CableLabs, IBM, Level 3 Communications, Lexmark, Lockheed Martin and Valleylab/Tyco Healthcare. "Day of Caring is about more than just the work that gets done. The work is very important, but this day is also about creating a sense of community and caring," Pingrey said. "All of this is possible only because of the tremendous volunteer spirit in our community."

The projects were followed by a picnic for the volunteers at Boulder's Gateway Park Fun Center. The picnic signaled the official start of the Foothills United Way's 2006 fundraising campaign, which provides financial support for 86 health and human service programs in Boulder and Broomfield counties. Gold level sponsors for Day of Caring included Agere Systems, American National Bank, Faegre & Benson LLP, IBM, Longmont United Hospital, Pasta Jay's, Premier Members Federal Credit Union and Roche Colorado.

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