

As a volunteer since 2011 I have led delivery of 10+ day-long Chicago Cares service projects, such as this

ON-THE-GROUND LEADERSHIP

CONTEXT

Chicago Cares identified needs at Gage Park Elementary, planned a day of service projects, procured the supplies, and recruited 160 volunteers

They asked me to lead the project delivery, as I have done before



APPROACH

- Led effective and on-time delivery of 11 simultaneous projects with 11 leaders 160 volunteers
- Recruited 11 leaders; empowered them to manage logistics and lead volunteers
- Calmly and rapidly solved problems (e.g. issues with supplies) while teaching leaders to problem-solve
- Employed storytelling and motivational speaking in opening/closing ceremonies and throughout the day to galvanize 160 volunteers, leaders, community members, and students



RESULTS

- Nurtured stronger leaders and facilitated shared understanding among 160 diverse volunteers while bettering their community – which is proven to increase their future involvement
- Landscaped to delineate gang territory from school property, painted peeling walls to boost school pride, and installed garden benches to catalyze community
- Managed and exceeded school administrators' expectations in project experience and results

STUDENTS VOLUNTEER ALONGSIDE FELLOW CHICAGOANS

Students see the volunteers as role models; volunteers witness the results of their work and see through students' eyes