



Students far and wide pack the Center for Self Enhancement, Inc. for a community 'Day of Service.'

Empowering Youth to Serve SEI kids give back on day of service

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Hundreds of youth, male and female, near and far, collectively volunteered for the Center for Self Enhancement, Inc.'s Community "Day of Service."

The seeds of SEI, an educational program serving Portland's African American community, were planted over 35 years ago and rooted in community service. The organization uses a culturally-based curriculum to educate and empower youth into tomorrow's citizens. One recipe to that successful sauce is to empower young people to become the living legacies to their communities. Mixed and served by the enlightenment of education, marinated

with the excitement of social engagement, the students learn as the late Muhammad Ali so movingly said, "Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth".

The SEI elementary to high school student volunteers, alongside their adult leaders were dispatched on Saturday, Feb. 15 to over 15 neighborhood sites for community service projects. From feeding the homeless to the beautification of neighborhood homes, the SEI kids showed up and served.

The students, guided by Helen Keller's words, "Alone we can do so little, together we can do

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"Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'"
 – Martin Luther King Jr.

Officer George Hardin, 1884

Officer Madison Ceaser, 2016

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