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Mayor Kevin Johnson Announces Volunteer Initiative Surpasses Goal of 500,000 Service Hours
Economic Impact to Sacramento Totals Over \$15M

Today Mayor Kevin Johnson announced that 'Volunteer Sacramento' has surpassed its goal of 500,000 service hours for 2009 making it on of the most 'Caring Cities' in the nation.

The official total is currently over 689,000 hours which equates to an economic impact of over \$15M.

The initial goal was for each Sacramento resident to donate 10 hours over a calendar year for a total of 500,000 service hours by the end of 2009.

"I am so proud of Sacramento. I always know this was a city of volunteers, but I can tell you that today, it has made a bold statement when it comes to giving back to the community," Johnson said.

"With this goal reached, Sacramento is certainly one of the leaders when it comes to establishing a new era of service and volunteerism in this country."

Johnson announced the good news at Salvation Army, where Johnson was joined by Salvation Army and corporate volunteers from Intel, AT&T and Wells Fargo.

The announcement comes on the heels of the national launch of the 'Cities of Service' coalition that took place on September 10 in New York City where Mayor Johnson was joined by mayors from 16 cities across the country representing more than 20 million Americans in a bi-partisan effort to work together to engage millions more volunteers in service.

Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson officially launched "Volunteer Sacramento," in March where he was joined by Rev. Jesse Jackson of the PUSH/Rainbow Coalition to kick-off the initiative in Sacramento. The effort was designed to boost volunteerism in the community, and make it the leading city in California for these efforts.

Volunteer Sacramento is an effort led by Johnson, in partnership with HandsOn Sacramento and Honorary Chair Congress woman Doris Matsui, to encourage volunteerism and service in our community.

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