

Association of Chinese Americans (ACA): Comcast Cares Day 2016

On April 30, 2016, ACA partnered with Comcast for the annual Comcast Cares Day, a part of the nation's largest single-day collaborative event that mobilized a large number of volunteers in 29 states of 21 countries alongside community partners and public officials. The event, held at the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries (DRMM), was the 5th continuous year of partnership between ACA and Comcast. DRMM, a non-profit Christian guidance center, offers help to the homeless and those struggling with addictions by providing food, shelter, and spiritual life services. By participating in this event, ACA seized the opportunity to fulfill its mission to promote cross-culture integration and serve to the community.

Around 8 am, 26 ACA volunteers, including adults, middle and high school students, and two little kids (the youngest one was only 5 years old), met at DRMM, waiting for their assignments. The organizers offered several inspiring statements at the opening ceremony. "Care is about compassion, dedication, without ending." "We are blessed when we bless others." "Care Day is everyday." The assignment for ACA was to clean up the playground. This task included field work with sand and dirt, trimming the trees, and mowing the lawn. All the adults and kids teamed up and carried out the tasks very efficiently. After completing the assignment, the ACA volunteers were divided into two groups: one group painted the playground slides and swing sets; and the other group cleaned up the trash on the hill. Facing the smelly and dirty trash, nobody complained. Everyone focused on their task, and did it with compassion and thankfulness. For the last session, the ACA volunteers assembled the tables and chairs donated by Comcast. It took more than 4 hours to successfully complete all the work.

It was a blessed day for ACA to partner with Comcast to serve the local community. ACA earned praise from the community partners. More importantly, through this opportunity, ACA shared its vision of serving the communities, sharing love with the needy, and promoting cross-culture integration to make the world better.