

October 19, 2009

Join North Olmsted High School SITES students and staff and “*Make a Difference*” on Saturday, October 24, 2009, by visiting the North Olmsted Giant Eagle or Marc’s.

The North Olmsted High School SITES (Social Involvement Through Education and Service) students, in partnership with the City of North Olmsted, the NOCS Education Foundation, North Olmsted Kiwanis, Giant Eagle and Marc’s have a plan for the national “*Make a Difference Day*” program that will impact our local North Olmsted community.

“*Make A Difference Day*” is an annual national day of neighbors helping neighbors that takes place on the fourth Saturday of every October. <http://www.usaweekend.com/diffday/>

This year's event is **Saturday, October 24, 2009.**

On Friday, October 23rd, the North Olmsted High School SITES staff and students will kick off the event by visiting grades K-8 and presenting a short assembly about preserving natural resources and the “*Make a Difference Day*” program.

Over 3,000 families in the district will receive a reusable grocery bag with a take home flyer of recycling facts to keep and post.

Kim Wenger, North Olmsted Planning Director, purchased the bags with grant money from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District and the North Olmsted City Schools Education Foundation.

The students and their families will be encouraged to visit the local Giant Eagle or Marc's in North Olmsted and use the grocery bag on Saturday, October 24th.

The students will also receive a coupon that they can turn in to Giant Eagle and Marcs, who will then donate in kind food items to the North Olmsted Food Pantry.

Students will also staff tables at each store throughout the day to explain how we can all make a difference by our reduce, reuse and recycling efforts while also helping our community stock the food pantry.

This is a true school, community, business effort that will make a positive difference in so many ways - especially for those in need in our community.