



**PRESS RELEASE: Ferris Students Gear Up for ‘The Big Event’ This Weekend
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Included below is a press release previewing The Big Event, taking place on the Ferris State University Big Rapids campus on Saturday, April 13. Around 2,000 students will be out in the Big Rapids community performing a variety of community service projects at approximately 300 properties. Any questions about this release, or requests for interviews, can be directed to Sandy Gholston, News Services and Social Media Manager.

To read the online version of this story, visit:

<http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/archive/2013/april/big.htm>

A 2012 photo from The Big Event is attached here:



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Ferris Students Gear Up for ‘The Big Event’ on April 13

BIG RAPIDS – Ferris State University students will thank the Big Rapids community by participating in The Big Event on Saturday, April 13.

“I love this event, because I’ve seen it evolve into such a great opportunity for individuals to be selfless and see how they are a part of a larger community,” said Byron Williams, president of Student Government.

Organizers hope to recruit about 2,000 Ferris students to perform small service projects at 300 homes during the university’s largest student-run volunteer project. Volunteer forms will be accepted until the day of the event. The forms can be found online at <http://ferris.orgsync.com/org/fsustudentgovernment/forms>.

Opening ceremonies for the event begin at 9 a.m. at Top Taggart Field. Participants will receive a free breakfast provided by Student Government and hear from Ferris President David Eisler and Big Rapids Mayor Mark Warba. The ceremony also will include a cannon launch by Ferris ROTC and a performance of the national anthem.

“Students are then encouraged to check in to get their tools and T-shirts,” said Williams, who has participated in The Big Event the past three years. “They’ll get to the houses around 10 a.m. and begin their work. When they’re finished, they come back to Top Taggart Field to return the tools and have lunch provided by Ferris Dining Services.”

Sponsors include the College of Business, University Advancement and Marketing, Grounds and Maintenance, Bernie’s Donuts, Physical Plant, Student Affairs, Meijer, Yoplait, Ice Mountain, the Diversity and Inclusion Office, and Biggby Coffee.

For more information, call the Student Government office at 231-591-2611 or visit The Big Event – Ferris State University on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Big-Event-Ferris-State-University/321815893239?ref=ts&fref=ts>).

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