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### **GARY 'S ANNUAL BLIGHT BUSTER DAY City Workers and Volunteers Working Together in City Cleanup**

**Gary, Indiana**-On Saturday, September 8, 2018 city departments, businesses, community organizations, faith-based groups, educational institutions, block clubs and other volunteers came together to clean up and clean out in various areas of the city in its annual Blight Buster Day.

Unlike previous Blight Buster Days where blight buster has concentrated on a main thoroughfare, the cleanup on September 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. focused on five areas in the city: 4<sup>th</sup> & Broadway to Bridge Street; 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Broadway to 27<sup>th</sup>; 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue east to Virginia Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Massachusetts Street to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Buchanan Street 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

A Special Thank You to our sponsors: Miller K Supermarket, Save More, ACE Hardware Broadway, Katie Hall Educational Foundation, Attorney John Henry Hall and to our volunteer groups: Valparaiso University, PFC Electrical, Pro Way Electric, the Willie Bolden Girls Scouts Troop, St. John Baptist Church and New Beginnings Church.

The Mayor's Office of Constituent Services (MOCS) plans the City's annual Blight Buster Day continues to look for 1000 volunteers each year to help rid the city of debris, clean vacant lots and to cut grass. City departments also perform other tasks including tree cutting, pot hole patching, issuing citations and towing abandoned vehicles.

MOCS provides safety materials, garbage bags and gloves. Volunteers may bring rakes, brooms and other supplies. Volunteers are asked to be at the Genesis Center, 1 Genesis Center Plaza at 7:30 a.m. for Registration and the Rally on the morning of the city's Blight Buster Days.

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For more information about future cleanup projects and for volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, please email [mocs@ci.gary.in.us](mailto:mocs@ci.gary.in.us) or call 219-881-4815.

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