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350 students from Uplift Education's Peak Preparatory volunteer Saturday to 'Make a Difference'

What:

K-12 students from Uplift Education's Peak Preparatory in East Dallas will be spending Saturday volunteering their time by participating in various [Make a Difference Day](#) projects led by juniors and seniors from Peak Preparatory High School. Projects will focus on three areas of need: literacy, hunger and homelessness. Elementary school students will also be donating new/gently used books for children, and middle and high school students will be donating canned foods to kick-off the school's food drive.

Celebrated annually on the fourth Saturday of October, Make A Difference Day is the largest national day of community service. The day connects people with opportunities to serve, increases the strength of communities and promotes civic engagement.

Who:

350 students from Peak Prep have registered to take part in the event, including 50 juniors and seniors who will be leading all the activities. Specific activities vary by grade level and will include

- K-2nd: Creating bookmarks to be donated to local libraries.
- 3rd-4th: Creating Dr. Seuss-themed placemats to donate to the local children's hospitals.
- 5th: Recording Dr. Seuss books on CD for children's hospitals, ERs and schools for the blind.
- 6th-8th: Making sandwiches to be delivered to a local homeless shelter.
- 9th-10th: School/Community cleanup
- 11th-12th: Leading the schools younger students in Make a Difference Day activities.

When:

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Saturday, October 22, 2011

Where:

Peak Preparatory
4600 Bryan Street, Dallas TX 75204

Background:

Uplift Education is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization operating a network of 20 tuition-free, college-preparatory, public charter schools in Dallas, Arlington and Irving. Its schools provide a rigorous, multi-disciplinary curriculum, with an emphasis on college preparation – **100% of graduates are accepted to college**. Uplift Education currently educates more than 5,700 students, with the majority being low-income and minority students who will be the first in their family to attend college. Its two oldest campuses, North Hills Preparatory and Peak Preparatory, are ranked the 10th and 11th best public high schools in America by the *Washington Post*. For more information, visit www.uplifteducation.org.