
OUR VIEW

Help make a difference

On Friday and Saturday, join hundreds of area residents and millions of volunteers across the nation who will unite with a common mission — to improve the lives of others. Created more than 20 years ago by USA Weekend Magazine, Make A Difference Day has now become the nation's largest example of community service.

The United Way of Northwest Georgia has joined this national effort to promote volunteerism here with the sponsorship of Brown Industries and Phenix Flooring. And they can use your help.

Check out the website for the event, www.ourunitedway.org/madd, to see the various projects that still need volunteers and sign up for the one that most interests you.

Maybe you'd like to help install see-through planters at Blue Ridge School. Or perhaps you'd like to help add new trails to the Carl Rollins Unit's mountain bike park at the Boys and Girls Club in Dalton. (They are also looking for people with video editing skills and someone with access to a drone to help record the work there.) And volunteers will be removing trash from several sites on waterways in the Conasauga River watershed. Unfortunately, there's always a great deal of trash to be removed.

The weather forecast calls for near perfect outdoor weather Friday and Saturday, so check out the events, sign up and come out and help make a difference.