

## **Germantown Teachers Make a Difference by Volunteering**

Teachers in the Germantown School District have taken a challenge to expand their impact on communities and youth. For the 2015-16 School Year, the goal of the teaching staff is to volunteer for at least two community events that support the Germantown School District community and beyond. This initiative is also part of an effort to model "Making a Difference" to their students and families. Approximately ninety three percent (93%) of the Germantown teaching staff volunteered during the 2014-15 school year. Germantown teachers have donated time and efforts, beyond the school day, to such organizations and events as:

*Salvation Army* - Bell Ringing  
*Germantown Area Chamber of Commerce* - Candy Cane Run  
*Germantown Kiwanis* - Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting  
*American Red Cross and Blood Centers of Wisconsin* - Blood Drives  
*Stuff the Bus – GO* Riteway Community Service Project  
*Hunger Task Force*  
*Kids Matter Inc.*  
*St. Boniface Food Pantry*  
*Our Kid's Closet*  
*Washington County Sheriff's Department* -Shop with a Cop  
*Adopt – a – Highway*  
*Germantown Senior Citizens* - Meals on Wheels  
*Friends of Abused Families*  
*Children's Hospital of Wisconsin*  
*Germantown Police Department* – 2eyes2hands Initiative  
*American Cancer Society* – Relay for Life  
*Germantown Community Library*  
*MacArthur Holiday Helpers*  
*PTA* - Rocktober Fest  
*Cookies for Kids' Cancer*  
Kennedy Middle School *Day of Service*  
*Washington County* – Night to Shine  
*Susan G. Koman* – Race for a Cure  
Local *Boy Scout Troops*  
*Area 4-H Clubs*  
*Germantown Scholarship Fund*- Mini Mudder's Event  
*Germantown Park and Rec*  
*Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Washington County*  
*Local and Area Benefits for Families and their Children*

The list keeps growing as teachers have targeted events throughout the 2015-16 school year, for the second year in a row. Nearly eighty-seven percent (87%) of the teachers have pledged to donate their time and talents with two or more of these or other charitable and service organizations' events and activities during the 2015-16 school year. To date, eighty-eight percent (88%) have completed one activity, while eighty percent (80%) have completed two activities.

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