

Thursday April 6, 2017

**HDR, Omaha Permaculture and the Malcolm X Memorial Foundation
To Plant a North Omaha Community Garden on Sunday April 9**

Great things happen when people, companies and nonprofit organizations work together to make our community stronger.

On Sunday, April 9 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., local and international employees of HDR, a team from Omaha Permaculture and the Malcolm X Memorial Foundation will gather at the birth site of the late civil rights leader and activist near 34th & Evans to build garden beds, plant trees and perform a variety of other projects to beautify the site further and benefit the residents of North Omaha. The project is being coordinated with the help of United Way of the Midlands' volunteer engagement center.

Weather permitting, team captains from the Malcolm X Memorial Foundation and Omaha Permaculture will lead more than 115 HDR employees from the United States, Canada and Australia in the garden building activities. The volunteer project coincides with an annual transportation conference that 1,200 HDR staff members are attending in the metro area. The TRANSCON event is an internal transportation conference that brings together professionals from 45 technical disciplines to discuss emerging trends, share knowledge and meet new colleagues.

The activities lined up for the day include planting 120 fruit-bearing trees and bushes, building five garden beds, planting 2 bulb gardens, building a picnic table, painting 2 garden signs and performing some greenspace maintenance.

With expert guidance, HDR's volunteers will create an expansive garden at the Malcolm X site that will yield fresh produce for members of the North Omaha community to enjoy for many years to come.

For more than a century, HDR has partnered with clients to shape communities and challenge the boundaries of what's possible. Its expertise spans 10,000 employees, in more than 225 locations around the world—and counting. HDR'S engineering, architecture, environmental and construction services bring an impressive breadth of knowledge to every project. Its optimistic approach to finding innovative solutions defined HDR's past and drives its future.

Omaha Permaculture is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that promotes urban agriculture by developing community gardens on unused or vacant land, with the goal of increasing the land's value and providing healthy food for the community.

United Way of the Midlands is proud to facilitate such collaborative community projects by assisting with event coordination, logistics and volunteer support services – to create a meaningful experience for all.

About the United Way of the Midlands

Thanks to donors, volunteers and community partners, United Way of the Midlands is not only focused on addressing our community's human needs today; it is focused on what can be, and what should be. It is building on today's strong partnerships to create even more comprehensive human service efforts tomorrow, so our community can solve some of the root causes of poverty. United Way is community-based, community-focused. Thanks to those who share their strength, United Way is COMMUNITY STRONG. We invite you to visit www.UnitedWayMidlands.org for more information.