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Lindenwood University's inaugural Spring Into Service day on April 16, has been called by organizers a huge success, netting 291 service hours donated to nine area nonprofit, charitable, or government organizations by 83 volunteers from the Lindenwood community.

Melissa Kline, one of the event's organizers, said the donated hours have an estimated value of \$6,205. The agencies that were targeted for service were Emmaus Homes, St. Charles Humane Society, St. Charles YMCA, The Children's Home Society, Parkside Retirement Living, the City of O'Fallon, Oasis Food Pantry, Connections to Success, and Habitat for Humanity.

Volunteers included Lindenwood students, faculty, staff and alumni. Kline said she and Lauren Bloomfield, a graduate assistant in the Lindenwood Institutional Advancement Office, came up with the idea and discovered Lindenwood's United Way and Association of Fundraising Professionals chapters were planning something similar, so they decided to combine their efforts.

"Together, Lindenwood helped nine different non-profit agencies that help children with disabilities, house homeless animals, distribute food to the needy, build homes for poverty-stricken families, and much more," Kline said.

Kline said additional service days will be planned in the future.