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### **Good Works: Sprint Volunteers “Dig In” at KIPP DC-AIM Academy**



Left: Sprint Volunteers, Terri Molyneaux and Atoya Johnson planting flowers to improve the lives of the middle school students at KIPP DC-AIM Academy. Right: Sprint volunteers celebrate their beautification of KIPP DC-AIM Academy.

Who's Giving: Washington-area Sprint offices

Who's Receiving: KIPP DC-AIM Academy Middle School

What's Been Given: Washington-area Sprint offices recruited more than 30 volunteers to beautify KIPP DC-AIM Academy on May 16, 2009. In partnership with Volunteer Fairfax, the volunteers planted 600 flowers in front of the school campus. Additionally, they laid stone pavers to create several walking paths for students. While KIPP DC-AIM Academy is currently under construction, the volunteers provided an instant face lift to the school to brighten the days of the students. The project was an exciting opportunity for Sprint employees to make a positive change for a deserving school.

Background: This is one of the five environmentally-focused HandsOn Schools, made possible by the HandsOn Network, projects Sprint is supporting nationally in 2009.

A Few Words from the Beneficiary: "Today's project shows that raising our kids is a community effort," claims Kristy Ochs, principal of KIPP DC-AIM Academy. "Having the corporate and nonprofit communities come together at AIM Academy shows that we are a neighborhood school becoming an important part of the District. [The volunteers] have created a more welcoming home for our students."



A Few Worlds from the Sponsor: "Sprint's goal for today was to engage our employees in giving back to the community. KIPP DC's AIM Academy is a great charter school, and some of our employees in sales and engineering have worked with the school through their day jobs. So it was great to see them - and the rest of the Sprint team - volunteering to transform this space for the students, teachers and residents of this Anacostia neighborhood."

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