

COMMUNITY

Blitz to beautify neighborhood

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For eight consecutive hours, 185 volunteers participated in the Ninth Annual Keep Noblesville Beautiful Blitz.

VOLUNTEERISM

2013 Blitz Chairwoman Susan Mayes said 25 homeowners had their properties beautified by the volunteers who painted, pruned, planted or provided other assistance.

This year's blitz included the area on Grant Street and Central Avenue from 10th to 16th streets. Mayes said the blitz helped several older residents, including 90-year-old Opal Artman who had a front porch floor in dangerous condition repaired, and Virginia Holt, who had garage trim and a front porch scrapped and painted, weeds killed and flowers planted.

"What the KNB volunteers do is lasting, not just seasonal," 2012 Blitz Chairwoman Cindy Haas said. "It's the same concept here where we see one homeowner making an effort to create a more inviting home with curb appeal, and then it snowballs down the street to their neighbors making a little effort to do the same. It's motivating."

Volunteers ranged from elementary school students to adults. Students included Promise Road Elementary School, two Daisy Scout Troops, Noblesville West Middle School Junior Honor Society and Noblesville High School's National Honor Society. Mayes said in addition to many Nobles-



Members of the Noblesville West Middle School Junior Honor Society scrapped and cleaned a sidewalk on 14th Street covered with sod. (Submitted photo)

ville families, volunteers came from Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Friendly North Side Crime Watch, Master Gardeners, Tree Stewarts, and Keep Noblesville Beautiful members.

"Some volunteers keep coming back because it is a very family and group oriented experience. There is a task for every level of volunteer. They see the difference they can make in a day," Haas said.