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Groups of Volunteers Sought for Hartford's Annual Spring Cleanup - The 2010 Great American Cleanup

Hartford, CT – Despite the recent cold and snowy winter weather, plans are proceeding for Hartford's annual spring cleanup. Knox Parks Foundation will collaborate with the City of Hartford and Telemundo Hartford/Springfield to organize the cleanups this spring. **The 2010 Cleanups will be held on four consecutive Saturdays: April 17, April 24, May 1 and May 8.**

This year's initiative will once again be a part of the Keep America Beautiful 2010 Great American Cleanup that takes place in more than 14,000 communities nationwide, with the support of more than 2 million volunteers. The Great American Cleanup is our nation's largest community improvement program.

Mayor Eddie A. Perez says, "Volunteering for the Keep America Beautiful campaign is a way we can all do our part to keep our great city clean. When we all work together we achieve our best results. This is a positive experience for families, organizations and our city!"

The City of Hartford, Telemundo and the Knox Parks Foundation - the city's local Keep America Beautiful affiliate, are looking for community groups, schools, block watches, neighborhood associations, businesses and residents interested in volunteering to participate in these spring cleanups.

Groups are encouraged to select a public street, space, park or playground within the Hartford to be cleaned and beautified. Projects include litter and debris cleanup, graffiti removal, painting, and planting of flowers and greenery. The City and Knox Parks Foundation will provide bags, brooms, gloves, rakes and other sponsor-donated materials to registered groups.

Individual volunteers are also welcome. They will be encouraged to join one of the many cleanups taking place on each Saturday.

Registration forms for groups seeking to participate in the cleanup are available by contacting Charmaine Craig at Knox Parks Foundation at 951-7694 ext. 14 or charmainec@knoxparks.org.

