



## A DAY OF PARTNERSHIPS

*Generations connect on JOIN HANDS DAY 2006*



**P**EOPLE ACROSS THE NATION celebrated JOIN HANDS DAY on May 6, 2006. The purpose of the day is to bring youths and adults together to improve neighborhoods and spark new friendships across generations. Since youth and adults work together on an equal basis to plan, organize, and implement their projects, the partnerships serve as an important first step in bringing more young people into leadership roles.

National Mutual Benefit, as a fraternal benefit society, has supported this day since its inception in 2000. Our members and local branches have initiated and participated in projects every year, and with each succeeding year, participation has increased. This year, NMB members were involved in the following projects:

- Bismarck Branch 84 cleaned up a sec-

tion of Highway 10 with Charles Hall Youth Services.

- Members at Chippewa Falls cleaned Irvine Park to prepare for its 100th anniversary celebration.
- Green Bay Branch 694 worked on a therapeutic garden with the Western Village Nursing Home.
- Hettinger Branch 81 raked, mowed, and weeded a park they had adopted.
- Kenosha/Racine Branch 712 picked up trash along the roadside.
- Lakeshores Branch 247 worked on Peace Garden and at Schoolfest with the Lakeland Special Education School.
- Madison Branch 400 and several community organizations and businesses held a skateboard competition.
- Volunteers from Branch 734 and the Greater Milwaukee area collected

16,000 individual items and assembled 1,200 activity bags and duffel bags for children entering foster care.

- Mississippi Valley Branch 100 organized a bingo party for seniors and served coffee and treats.
- Northern Black Hills Branch 73 assisted an NMB member with yard work, as well as cleaned a flowerbed for planting at the fire hall.
- Northwoods Branch 925 worked on playground construction and hung flags at St. John's School.
- Rock Valley Branch 101 and an area Boy Scout troop picked up trash along the highway.

To find out how you can participate in JOIN HANDS DAY 2007, visit [www.joinhandsday.org](http://www.joinhandsday.org) or call the NMB Home Office at 1-800-833-1936. ♦