



Second Chance Students, Chamber Mentors Attack Naga-Waukee

WAUKESHA – Leadership Waukesha, a community leadership development program, and 56 students from Second Chance Partners for Education transformed acres of Naga-Waukee Park April 14. Together they cleared a neglected, overgrown section of the park located a half mile north of I-94 on Highway 83.

In anticipation of National Volunteer Week April 18-24, students and Leadership Waukesha mentors spent weeks planning this community outreach event. A core leadership committee of 11 students formed as a representative student body for each of the six Second Chance education centers throughout Waukesha, Washington, Racine and Walworth Counties.

Throughout the entire planning process, Leadership Waukesha mentors honed student skills to effectively represent their fellow students, communicate ideas, as well as identify and solve problems over the course of the planning and execution phases of this community outreach event.

Second Chance is an integrated education model that graduates 90 percent of its students who at some point are in danger of dropping out of high schools in Southeast Wisconsin. Forming partnerships among school districts, private businesses and philanthropic support, Second Chance creates hands-on learning and skills development over 21 months that meet academic requirements for achieving a high school diploma. Visit secondchancepartners.org to learn more.

Leadership Waukesha is an offshoot of the Waukesha County Chamber of Commerce. The program is open to individuals and businesses in the community, focusing on developing and training leaders with the goal of providing the community with a more dynamic group of quality decision makers. The nine-month program provides its participants with the opportunity to interact with a peer group of leaders and fosters a lifelong network of contacts through exposure to successful leaders in all areas of business and government.

