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EIGHT DAYS OF HOPE TO SERVE CEDAR RAPIDS ONE YEAR AFTER DERECHO

Tupelo, MS – Eight Days of Hope, (EDOH) and Serve the City are coming together with local churches and ministries to serve those who are still recovering from last year's derecho.

"When the derecho hit in August of 2020, we spent multiple weeks helping those in Cedar Rapids recover. A year later, we know that there is more to do, and we are humbled to be able to return and love on those still in need," says Stephen Tybor III, EDOH President and CEO.

The outreach includes two key components: tree removal and park renovations. From August 14 to August 21, skilled chainsaw operators will remove damaged trees for homeowners across Cedar Rapids.

On Saturday, August 14, and Sunday, August 15, EDOH invites those in the Cedar Rapids community to volunteer to help with park renovations for Riverside Park and Ellis Park. These parks will receive painting, new mulch, clean up, and more. To volunteer, visit <u>www.eightdaysofhope.com</u>.

"The Cedar Rapids community cares so much about their own, and we know that the impact local volunteers will have by providing much needed updates to Riverside and Ellis Park are going to reach further than we can imagine," says Tybor.

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Except for a small staff, Eight Days of Hope is an all-volunteer organization. We serve all people regardless of race, gender, religion or ethnicity. Please visit <u>www.eightdaysofhope.com</u> for more information, to provide financial support, or to volunteer.