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Volunteers shine in Day of Caring

BOUQUETS: To the record number of volunteers who participated in the Lake County United Way's annual Day of Caring, which was held Wednesday.

More than 750 people pitched in at the 2012 edition of the event, which also featured more than 90 project sites, another record.

The event is a day when local agencies, church groups and organizations can submit both large and small projects to the United Way on behalf of people or places who need extra help. Groups of volunteers then take those projects and spend the day helping at that location.

Joe Tomsic, chief executive officer with the Council on Aging, said for years his agency has submitted project requests on behalf of its elderly clients. However, this year the agency decided to get a volunteer group together.

"This year we opted to actually get out and get our hands dirty, too, on a project, and it is a wonderful feeling," Tomsic said.

A record number of people experienced that wonderful feeling on Wednesday, and let's hope this trend continues in future years at the Lake County United Way Day of Caring.