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Clean Up Akron Month Wrap Up & Results *Wrapping up a month of community cleanup action*

AKRON, Ohio – May 8, 2018 – Keep Akron Beautiful’s Clean Up Akron Month has come to close, after a month packed full of community groups putting out the effort to make a difference in their community. For 37 years, Keep Akron Beautiful has urged Akron residents to do their part in helping to clean up their city each spring.

During Clean Up Akron Month, volunteers worked throughout the month of April to create a more vibrant community by picking up trash and taking on beautification projects in parks, vacant lots, school campuses, and in the streets of their own neighborhoods.

In total, **3,509 volunteers** took time to help make Akron a cleaner and healthier place to live for all this April. These volunteers cleaned up a total of **17.77 tons of trash** and **63 tires** from **152 sites**, including **18 schools**.

The annual Summit Lake Clean Up brought out **282 volunteers** to clean the frequently littered and illegally-dumped at area of Summit Lake. These volunteers were able to collect **3.47 tons of trash** and **20 tires** in only three hours.

Volunteers who participated in Clean Up Akron Month were able to attend Keep Akron Beautiful’s annual Super Saturday Volunteer Appreciation Picnic on April 28, 2018 at the Akron Zoo. Volunteers received free zoo admission and picnic lunch.

We are proud that we can express our gratitude and appreciation to our volunteers with a free picnic through the generosity of our local sponsors, including: **Acme Fresh Markets, Akron Zoological Park, City of Akron, D-A Specialty Co. Inc., Eat’N Park, House of LaRose, Keep Akron Beautiful Board of Directors, Schwebel’s Bakery, Sully’s Party Rental, Pepsi-Cola, and Waste Management of Ohio.**

None of this could have been possible if it were not for our national sponsors who so generously donated the supplies to make this litter cleanup possible: **Dow, The Glad Products Company, Lowe's, Niagara Bottling and ReadyRefresh by Nestlé.** Clean Up Akron Month is Keep Akron Beautiful’s largest public awareness event; we look forward to this spring initiative every year as it fulfills our mission to *“Improve Akron’s quality of life through beautification and responsible environmental management.*

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