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## Press Release

### **Day of Caring Promotes Community Partnerships "Naturally"**

*St. Andrew's School of Math & Science Gets A Nature Trail*

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**St. Andrew's School of Math and Science, Charleston, S.C.:**  
"This nature trail will be an outdoor classroom for learning, enjoying, and sustaining one's own local environment," says lead science teacher, Carmelina Livingston.

St. Andrew's School of Math and Science teamed up with Trident United Way, the US Coast Guard, parents, and fifth grade students to "naturally" pave a nature trail on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> for Trident United Way's 10<sup>th</sup> annual Day of Caring. Over 25 volunteers and 125 fifth grade students cleared a pathway through the maritime forest leading to a marsh observation area located on the school's grounds. Day of Caring gives people a chance to come together and volunteer their time for a good cause. The volunteers used garden tools to remove overgrown plants and the fifth grade students created a human train to pass buckets of mulch to designated areas of the path.

"I'm having so much fun making a nature trail!" says Ian Allen, a fifth grader.

Support from Tree Logic and the Daniel Island Company was overwhelming. The students were impressed by the large mounds of mulch donated for the nature trail. The nature trail will be a new addition for outdoor science learning for over 750 students. Students, parents and community residents will be able to enjoy the natural beauty of two thriving ecosystems, the maritime forest and salt marsh.

For more information on Trident United Way's Day of Caring, go to <http://www.tuw.org/>.

For more information and pictures of the school's nature trail, go to St. Andrew's School of Math and Science website, <http://standrews.ccsdschools.com>.

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