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They scrubbed and cleaned and swept and they joined more than 3 million other Americans recently in helping to make a difference in the lives of others.

The students from Mingo Job Corp recently gave back to others by participating in the annual Make A Difference Day. In a wave of volunteerism that swept the nation, the Job Corps students rolled up their sleeves and helped to make a difference.

In what has become an annual project, the students brought their energy to Dexter where they spent the morning at the Dexter Public Schools bus garage. There the young men and women cleaned, swept, washed, scrubbed s every bus in the district's fleet. By the end of the morning the buses gleamed from the front seat all the way to the back; windows shined, seats and floors cleaned and the buses had been given a thorough scrubbing.

"We want to give back to the community," said group leader Bob Waldner. So every year Waldner brings the students to Dexter to complete this project.

Students armed with window cleaner, rags, brooms and dust pans cleaned the interiors, while another crew of students washed the exteriors of the buses. Working together as a team, the students were able to complete the task of cleaning the entire fleet in short order.

"I've never been in a school bus that smelled so clean," was heard as the students worked.

Make a Difference Day is the large national day of community service in America. Held each fall, the day is a day of neighbors helping neighbors and when Americans can unite in a common mission to improve the lives others.

Thank you, Job Corps students, for showing us how to be good neighbors and to Make A Difference in our community!

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