

POM Wonderful to donate time, service

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Pomegranate grower POM Wonderful will dedicate more than 2,000 volunteer hours and nearly \$80,000 to organizations throughout Fresno County as part of its 2014 POM Wonderful Community Service Day Thursday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The POM Wonderful plant in Del Rey is temporarily shutting down all operations to show the company's commitment to it surrounding community. Its 650 employees will leave their posts across all aspects of operations and dedicate their days to service projects throughout Fresno County.

The employees will be volunteering their time and talents at the following locations:

- * Animal Compassion Team, 2789 S. Orange Ave. in Fresno
- * Community Food Bank, 3403 E. Central Ave. in Fresno
- * Poverello House, 412 F St. in Fresno
- * Ronald McDonald House at Children's Hospital Central California, 9161 Randall Way in Madera
- * Terry's House at Community Regional Medical Center, 2730 Fresno St. in Fresno
- * Del Rey Elementary School, 10620 Morro St. in Del Rey
- * Del Rey Boys and Girls Club, 5705 Carmel St. in Del Rey

Volunteers will be performing various community service activities, including planting trees, painting, structure building and repairs, food distribution, cleaning and organizing.

"This day is an opportunity for us to leverage our workforce and resources for the good of our community, to make a positive impact in the lives of others," said Mike Stokes, vice president of operations at POM Wonderful, in a release.

With more than 13,000 acres of orchards in Central California, POM Wonderful is the largest grower and producer of fresh pomegranates and pomegranate juice in the United States. POM Wonderful grows, handpicks and juices its own pomegranates.