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**A day of fun, food, and celebration  
– Celebrating Make A Difference Day in Columbus!**

On October 28, 2006, The Good Neighbors Picnic will celebrate this national day of volunteerism by hosting the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Good Neighbors Picnic at a local downtown park.

With the help of over 250 volunteers, over 1,000 individuals from the homeless community enjoy delicious picnic fare, select winter clothing at a "free store", and relax to the entertainment of local artists. Children play games and receive small gifts that they can treasure and carry with them. Just like at a family reunion, everyone has an opportunity to swap stories and offer words of encouragement.

Help us make a difference in the Columbus community with your donation of service, money, or in-kind products.

For more information, call FIRSTLINK at 221-6766. You can also check out our web page at the station for a link to their web page. Just click on "picnic"

McCulley Bio

**"Making a difference in Columbus"**

In 1999 William McCulley developed the concept of having a picnic for the homeless community. This was a part of the community that was often overlooked and misunderstood by the greater Columbus Community.

Using his resources at FIRSTLINK, the volunteer resource center for central Ohio, he assembled a group of volunteers to produce this "picnic" and was surprised at the response.

In just 6 short weeks, the group put on their first Good Neighbors Picnic in late October that year – with no budget.

Every year since 1999, the number of volunteers, guests and activities has continued to grow. This truly is an outstanding display of a service that meets an important need in our community.

This year, the Good Neighbors Picnic Committee, on behalf of FIRSTLINK was one of the honorees of the 2006 Encore Award for their continuing project for the homeless. The Encore Award, sponsored by USA Weekend, recognizes Ohio's lead in the nation with over 838 Make A Difference Day efforts.

For more information, check out [www.goodneighbors-picnic.org](http://www.goodneighbors-picnic.org)"