



## Kentucky Personnel Cabinet Office of the Secretary

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### **Personnel Cabinet employees take time to give back**

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 15, 2009) – Over the weekend Personnel Cabinet employees and Kentucky State University students gathered at the SIMON House to spend the day giving back to the community.

“As part of our strategic plan we hope to grow a culture rooted in community service,” said Secretary Nikki Jackson. “Not only do we want to recognize employees for quality customer service, but also for their community service.”

The SIMON House located in Frankfort, is named for its mission of working toward Serving Infants’ and Mothers’ Ongoing Needs. The house offers shelter to women, 18 years of age or older, pregnant or with children up to age 12. It provides specific strategies and training designed to develop personal and family stability. Residents are also encouraged to develop coping and parenting skills necessary for a stable, successful, independent family life.

This day of service was initiated to help raise employee awareness about community service and volunteering. Many Personnel Cabinet employees donated needed items for the women and children, while others took time to volunteer for the day working on household repairs including: painting rooms, planting flowers, organizing closets and working on activities with the children.

The Personnel Cabinet is striving to build more partnerships to continue hosting days of service for all state employees throughout the commonwealth. To view the volunteers at work, visit our online photo gallery at <http://personnel.ky.gov/photo/simonhouse.htm>.

Learn more about the SIMON House by visiting <http://www.simonhouseonline.org/>. Check out other Personnel Cabinet initiatives, visit <http://www.personnel.ky.gov>.

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