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### **Hands Across Harvey** *Together We Are United Hand In Hand*

Harvey, IL - October 9, 2023 - The organizing committee of Hands Across Harvey is excited to announce its upcoming event, which aims to bring the community of Harvey together for a day of support and solidarity. Save the date for Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., as the Lord of Mercy Church on Union Ave. in Harvey, IL, will serve as the welcome center for the event.

Hands Across Harvey strives to promote unity, collaboration, and partnership among the residents of Harvey and neighboring communities. This event will provide a platform for individuals, families, and local organizations to come together and showcase their dedication to the well-being and prosperity of this promising community.

The event will offer a variety of engaging activities and opportunities for community fellowship. To emphasize unity even more strongly, Hands Across Harvey plans to line up residents, hand in hand, across several blocks along 159th Street as an expression of solidarity against violence and adversity in the south suburbs.

Recognizing that empowering younger generations is crucial for building future leaders, coordination efforts were led by members of Thornton Township High School District 205 Student Board of Education in partnership with the City of Harvey and the Southland Juvenile Justice Council. Along with the hand in hand line up mentioned earlier, there will be an area set up by these students featuring interactive games. They have also arranged a "battle of bands" competition showcasing their schools from District 205, including Thornridge, Thornton Township, and Thornwood.

Hands Across Harvey invites all residents, businesses, and organizations to join us on Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lord of Mercy Church, 15746 Union Ave., Harvey IL. Together, we can build stronger united communities.

For more information about Hands Across Harvey or how you can participate, please contact:

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Join us at Hands Across Harvey and take part in this uplifting community event. Together, we can make a difference.

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