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### **Park District's Teen Organization serves community**

*CITRA- Community Involvement Through Recreation Activities*

DOWNERS GROVE, Ill. – CITRA, the Downers Grove Park District's teen organization volunteered with the Humanitarian Service Project in Carol Stream on November 11, 2011. Five young adults, Anne Marie Coultrap, Reesha Patel, Austin Boese, Lauren Eleksis and Tyler Boese, helped build one hundred new boxes and sort a variety of food into them for one hundred families. The Humanitarian Service Project will be distributing the boxes to those local families this Christmas season.

CITRA's mission is to encourage community involvement and to provide peer leadership opportunities for high school students in Downers Grove through recreation. As a student-led group, CITRA allows students to choose what programs they would like the park district to offer for teens and also gives them the responsibility and leadership opportunity to organize those programs for their peers. All high school students in Downers Grove and the surrounding area are encouraged to become involved in the New Year. For more information on CITRA, visit <http://www.dgparks.org/Recreation/teen-programs.htm>.

For more information on the Humanitarian Service Project, visit <http://humanitarianserviceproject.blogspot.com/>

The Downers Grove Park District is dedicated to providing a wide variety of year-round recreation programs, facilities, parks, open space and natural areas that respond to the articulated needs and desires of residents. For more information, call (630) 963-1300, or visit [www.dgparks.org](http://www.dgparks.org).

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