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**NBA ALL-STARS PARTNER WITH THE VOLUNTEER CENTER OF NORTH TEXAS  
FOR A DAY OF SERVICE AT BURNET ELEMENTARY**

**WHEN:** Noon – 4 p.m., February 12, 2010

**WHERE:** David G. Burnet Elementary School, 3200 Kinkaid, Dallas, TX 75220

**WHO:** The Volunteer Center of North Texas, NBA Cares All-Star, local dignitaries and 400 volunteers

**WHAT:** The NBA partnered with the Volunteer Center of North Texas to improve the learning environment for students of Burnett Elementary School in Dallas ISD during the NBA Cares All-Star Day of Service. By the end of the day, volunteers had constructed a new reading and learning center, new cafeteria tables, new playground and new gym bleachers. Forty new canvas murals were painted and signed by NBA all-stars, and a brand new playground.

NBA Cares is the league's global social responsibility initiative that builds on the NBA's long tradition of addressing important social issues worldwide. Through this umbrella program, the NBA, its teams, and players have donated more than \$115 million to charity, provided more than one million hours of hands-on service to the community, and created more than 450 places where kids and families can live, learn, or play.



**Pictured:**

Mayor Tom Leppert and Dallas ISD Superintendent Dr. Michael Hinojosa paused for a photo with Celeste Sauls-Marks (far left) and CEO Julie Thomas from the Volunteer Center of North Texas, during the NBA Cares All-Star Day of Service benefitting David G. Burnet Elementary School.

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**Pictured:**

NBA All-Star Kobe Bryant volunteered with local elementary school students to organize books for the newly re-vamped library project organized by NBA Cares and the Volunteer Center of North Texas as a part of the NBA All-Star Weekend in Dallas, TX.



**Pictured (l to r):**

NBA Legend, Magic Johnson, and Burnet Elementary School's Community Relations Manager, Cindy Gonzalez, encourage Shaquille O'Neal as he completes an art project that will be hung in the school as a part of the NBA Cares All-Star Day of Service project organized by the Volunteer Center of North Texas.

**About the Volunteer Center of North Texas**

The Volunteer Center of North Texas (VCNT), founded in 1971, is one of the largest and most active volunteer centers in the country. A primary purpose of VCNT is to recruit volunteers, including individuals, corporations and civic and faith-based groups, to serve nonprofits and their clients throughout the North Texas area. For more information, visit [www.vcnt.org](http://www.vcnt.org).