Kiwanians and members of 3 different levels of sponsored youth met at East Meadow’s Speno Park to participate in a day of community service. The Speno Park event was just one of hundreds of similar events taking place around the world as members of the K-Family celebrated the first annual Kiwanis One Day.

Envisioned by Kiwanis International President Nelson Tucker, Kiwanis One Day is one day when all 600,000 members of Kiwanis, Circle K, Key Club, Builders Club, K-Kids and Action Club would engage in community service in a global effort to make the world a better place.

The local Speno Park event was planned by Key Club Lt. Governor Nickie Santer and LITC Kiwanis Lt. Governor Sue Martin.

The day began early with a clean-up of the Bird Sanctuary adjacent to Speno Park. Kiwanians from East Meadow, Levittown, Massapequa, West Hempstead, County Courthouses and Nassau University Medical Center worked side by side with Key Clubbers from East Meadow HS, Division Avenue HS, W. Tresper Clarke HS, West Hempstead HS, and Island Trees HS as well as Builders Clubbers from Woodland Middle School and K-Kids from McVoy Elementary School to collect and remove nearly 50 large trash bags of debris.

After a short lunch break, the group began the “Pillow Hugs” project creating more than 50 pillow cases for injured US service people returning from Iraq and Afghanistan to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington DC. The pillow cases were decorated with messages of gratitude and patriotic symbols.

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Kiwanians, Key Clubbers and Builders Clubbers poses behind the over 50 bags of debris removed from the bird sanctuary.

Levittown Kiwanian Lisa Santer shows off her “Hugs Project” pillow case.

Photo Above: Builders Clubbers & Key Clubbers create "Pillow Hugs" for injured servicemen Photo Left: Island Trees Past Secretary Heather Wierling and Immediate Past President Lauren Wiegus clean-up debris at the EM Bird Sanctuary.