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(Rock Island, IL) –More than 100 volunteers from the Royal Neighbors of America Home Office and area chapters are scheduled to observe JOIN HANDS DAY on **Saturday, May 4**, by “Growing & Giving Together
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.” The group also will include individuals from local service organizations such as Casa Guanajuato Quad Cities, Girl Scouts, Scott County Family YMCA, United Way, The Friends of Riverside Park Gardens, and the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners, to plant a variety of gardens at three sites in the Quad Cities to help teach women to grow healthy, affordable food for their families. Master gardeners will be on site to teach participants how to plant and maintain the gardens. It is estimated that when harvested, the food will feed nearly 100 women and their families.

Planting Vegetable and Herb Gardens; Landscaping

Time: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Location: Scott County Family YMCA Child Care & Family Services, 724 Harrison

Street, Davenport, IA

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Planting Vegetable and Herb Gardens; Caring for Butterfly Garden;

Landscaping; Painting

Time: 9:30 a.m.-noon

Location: Riverside Gardens and Park, 5th Avenue and 34th Street, Moline, IL

Creating Make-and-Take Container Gardens (rain or shine)

Time: 2-3 p.m.

Location: Martin Luther King Center, 630 9th Street, Rock Island, IL

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In the event of inclement weather, outdoor gardens will be planted in June; the Make-and-Take Container Garden event will go on as scheduled.

In its 14th year, JOIN HANDS DAY is sponsored by America's fraternal benefit societies such

as Royal Neighbors of America. The day of service provides an opportunity for adults and young people to build relationships through volunteer activities. As partners, adults and youths work together to plan, organize, and implement activities that improve their neighborhoods.

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Royal Neighbors of America, one of the nation's largest women-led life insurance companies, exists for the benefit of its members. It offers insurance and annuity products to fulfill financial needs of growth, savings, and protection. Members receive valuable benefits and can participate in volunteer activities through the organization's local chapters to help make a difference in their communities. The organization's philanthropic efforts are dedicated to changing women's lives through its national programs, including the Nation of NeighborsSM Program, and through the Royal Neighbors Foundation, a 501(c)(3) public charity.

Headquartered in Rock Island, IL, with a branch office in Mesa, AZ, Royal Neighbors serves more than 200,000 members and is licensed to do business in 42 states and the District of Columbia.

For more information about Royal Neighbors of America, call [\(800\) 627-4762](tel:8006274762), or visit www.royalneighbors.org

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