

Trees green up South Campus

A green gift has enhanced South Campus — with a little help from member volunteers.

Energized by the generous donation of more than 300 trees from Trees for Houston, families from the five sports leagues that practice and play on the South Campus Sports Association grounds worked together one recent weekend morning to plant the trees.

Donations from within the sports community included a work crew and auger from Thompson + Hanson, personal tractors and the willing hands of parents and children to plant the trees.

SCSA is the largest park in the city of Houston dedicated to youth sports and is comprised of 55 acres of open space. Currently, five member leagues including Houston Youth Lacrosse, Southwest Football League, Near Town Soccer Club, West University Softball Association and West University Little League share these playing fields.

"This project was the perfect mixture of community need and Trees for Houston resources," said Barry Ward, executive director of Trees for Houston.



Submitted photo

Youthful volunteers recently helped plant donated trees at South Campus.

"SCSA not only had the need for a large scale tree planting, they had the enthusiasm and energy required to see the project through. It's rewarding to be able to plant where we'll not only have an immediate impact, but will also benefit thousands of children for years to come."

SCSA Executive Director Martha Greene said she and the board were gratified to see the "physical manifestation of the commitment" the five South Campus sports leagues have to the campus.

"Each team recruited volunteers of all ages, which came to-

gether as one team to dig holes, transport mulch and plant trees to realize a common goal: the finalization of another element of the South Campus project," she said.

Over the past 12 months, SCSA has completed 16 playing fields including underground infrastructure and irrigation. The next phase of campus development includes the installation of project amenities such as restrooms, concessions, paved sidewalks and additional landscape.

For SCSA information, visit www.southcampus.org.