Volunteering For Earth Day

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Nelson's legacy could be seen all around Madison on Saturday... inside and outside.

Saturday morning there were more volunteers at the Henry Vilas Zoo for Earth Day than there were those there to see the animals. Outside, a group of UW Seniors was matched with mulch that went around the cages. Nicole Williams and her friends volunteered as part of a school scholarship.

Inside, Sonya Newenhouse was doing her part with a celebration to remind people to live green. More than 500 people learned how to do something everyday that will make a difference in the environment. They volunteered just to move mulch, but their green experience will last far beyond graduation.

In an article for the environmental protection agency Gaylord Nelson said his "primary objective in planning earth day was to show the political leadership of the nation that there was broad and deep support for the environmental movement." That movement has now lasted into its fourth decade.