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Teen Moms Give Back on Westminster Community Pride Day Hope House of Colorado Cleans Rotary Park

The teen moms at Hope House believe in giving back. With its Resource Center located in Westminster, the city's annual Community Pride Day provides the perfect opportunity for these young women to volunteer.

Last Saturday, 30 Hope House teen moms, children and staff members cleaned up Rotary Park, leaving it clean, green and beautiful.

"Our focus is to help our teen moms become healthy, educated, self-sufficient members of the community, which includes volunteer work," says Lisa Steven, Founder & Executive Director of Hope House. "It is exciting to watch them model for their children a commitment to and enthusiasm for giving back."

Every year over 1,000 Westminster citizens come together to pick up litter along streets, trails, parks and open space -- and then enjoy a city-sponsored barbeque.

2016 marks the fourth year Hope House has participated in the event.

"Watching everyone pick up the trash, my daughter Aliah was very curious," said Stephanie Rodriguez, a Hope House teen mom. "It was fun to explain to her that we were joining all of these people to clean up the park. It was a great way to give back even in a small way."

***Photo 1:** Teen moms and their kids as well as staff from Hope House of Colorado cleaned Rotary Park as part of Westminster Community Pride Day.*

***Photo 2:** Cooper and Olivia Macias play in Rotary Park after helping to pick up litter.*

***Photo 3:** Amoret, who lives at Hope House with her mom, helps clean up Rotary Park.*

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***About Hope House of Colorado:** Hope House of Colorado is metro-Denver's only resource providing free self-sufficiency programs to teen moms, including Residential, GED and College & Career Support services. Additional supportive services include parenting and life skills classes, healthy relationship classes, financial literacy workshops and certified counseling, all designed to prepare them for long-term independence. Hope House relies on numerous volunteers and local business partnerships to accomplish its mission. Hopehouseofcolorado.org.*

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