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Dear Tree Lafayette volunteers, supporters, sponsors and dignitaries:

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for making this year's Arbor Day on May 7 such a great success. One hundred fifty-four people turned out for this annual event to plant trees in Lafayette even though it was raining, and chilly temperatures.

Because of your diligent efforts, we were able to plant 57 trees along the north side Brady Lane, which before the planting did not have any street trees. Thanks to all of the volunteers, who came from all walks of life and included young children to senior citizens, families, couples, and singles. Two volunteer groups comprised 50 percent of the turnout: the Church of Latter Day Saints with 50 volunteers and scout troops with 26 volunteers.

Thank you to Lafayette Mayor Tony Roswarski, who read the Arbor Day proclamation and provided support to everyone in attendance with his enthusiasm for volunteering. Thank you to our crew leaders and sponsors for the event: Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette, ALCOA, SIA, Tipmont REMC EnviroWatts, Duke Energy, and Heritage Interactive Services.

During the event, the City of Lafayette received the Tree City USA award for the 19th consecutive year and our city has received recognition for being in the top 25 category of green cities in the United States.

So, we thank everyone who participates every day in this effort because without the daily attention to the environment, we wouldn't be making progress toward making the Earth a better place to live.

Sincerely,

President Larry Rose

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