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Volunteerism is big on the OU campus, but this was the first time student organizers had attempted a mass contribution of their time and talents to social agencies throughout Norman. General Colin Powell pumped up enthusiasm for the Big Event with a pre-event rally in Lloyd Noble Center. Hundreds of volunteers answered the call, including planning committee members, from left, Brandon Brooks, Mandy Johnson, Tara Palmer, Rakesh Patel and Chris Kannaday. Story on Page 4.

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