

Lawnmower inspires others to keep Washington Mall clean

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Chris Cox, the colorful chain-saw sculptor who has taken it upon himself to clean parts of the Mall during the government shutdown, is easy to spot: bushy beard, big South Carolina flag, oversize orange dolly that he uses to cart off garbage.

On Saturday afternoon, Cori and Dominick Langella, who had driven down from Binghamton, N.Y., walked up to him.

“You’re the reason we’re here,” Dominick said. “We’re here to support you.”

The couple and more than 200 others gathered at the Mall on Saturday to help Cox pick up garbage. Many were drawn by a cleanup rally sponsored by several groups that were motivated by the man.

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