



2012 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service NEW YORK STATE

Genesee County AmeriCorps

3837 West Main Road
Batavia, NY 14020-9404

Genesee County AmeriCorps is partnering with RSVP of Genesee County and the Genesee County YMCA on the Martin Luther King Day of Service. Volunteers are being recruited to complete several projects that will improve the YMCA's facilities, which are used by families from throughout the area. AmeriCorps members and RSVP volunteers will serve as project team leaders. In addition to these projects, a dedicated area will be set up for younger volunteers. Youth will create cards of appreciation that will be sent to active members of the military as well veterans residing at local facilities. Supplies will also be collected for the Genesee Veterans Support Network, a group that assembles "welcome home" baskets for returning veterans. In order to promote economic opportunity, information about affordable housing, tax assistance, career services, "aging in place" and emergency preparedness will be distributed to volunteers as well as patrons of the YMCA. This event is scheduled for 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. on Monday January 16, 2012. For further information, contact Kathy Frank at 585-344-3960 or kfrank@co.genesee.ny.us.

Oswego AmeriCorps

70 Bunner Street
Oswego, NY 13126-3357

Oswego AmeriCorps is planning on doing a project at the Oswego Salvation Army. We initially were going to organize donations in their storage room. We just found out today that because this program is merging with another location, the director does not want us to do this in January. We've been assured that they will have another project for us to work on.

City Year New York

20 W. 22nd Street, 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10010

On Monday, City Year New York and thousands across the country will come together to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In addition to our MLK Day of Service, where more than 600 volunteers are painting murals and completing construction projects, City Year is also holding their first Youth for Change conference, in partnership with Council Member Melissa Mark-Viverito's Youth Violence Task Force.

Rockland County AmeriCorps

18 New Hempstead Road
New City, NY 10956

Project Night Night donates over 25,000 Night Night Packages each year, free of charge, to homeless children who need childhood essentials to feel secure, cozy, ready to learn, and significant. Each Night Night Package contains a new security blanket, an age-appropriate children's book, and a stuffed animal – all nestled inside of a new canvas tote bag. By providing objects of reliable comfort, Project Night Night reduces trauma and advances the emotional and cognitive wellbeing of the children we serve. Every child who receives one of our Night Night Packages benefits from owning a book, which encourages reading and family bonding, a security blanket which can be cuddled, and a stuffed animal which can become a cherished friend. We will be providing the Rockland Family Shelter and the Rockland County Department of Social Services with 80 Project Night Night Packages. The packages are designed for children 11 years old and under.

Northeast Energy Corps

1 Genium Plaza
Schenectady, NY 12304

Northeast Energy Corps will be participating in the Martin Luther King Celebration sponsored by the Human Rights Commission of Schenectady County. It is a march in downtown Schenectady on Sunday January 15th. We will be helping to organize the march and get people in place and then Energy Corps members will participate in the march.

AmeriCorps for the Adirondacks

194 US Oval
Plattsburgh, NY 12903

AmeriCorps for the Adirondacks members will have the opportunity to participate in one of four events hosted either during the week prior to MLK Day or on MLK.

- AmeriCorps for the Adirondacks will collaborate with SUNY Plattsburgh to assist in the MLK Day activities hosted at SUNY's Newman Center. AmeriCorps for the Adirondacks members will act as ushers assisting with seating event attendees. Most importantly, AmeriCorps for the Adirondacks members will assist with the food drive that will be taking place at this event. All attendees of the event will bring a non-perishable food item to donate to a local food pantry. AmeriCorps for the Adirondacks members will deliver all donations collected to a local Food Pantry in Plattsburgh, NY. AmeriCorps for the Adirondacks members will assist with the delivery of items to a local food pantry. AFA members will report to the Project Coordinator the number of individuals that attended the event, the amount of food collected and delivered, and the name of the local food pantry to which items are delivered.
- AmeriCorps for the Adirondacks in partnership with Literacy Volunteers of Clinton County, will assist with the development and implementation of a Literacy booth and/ or table set up in the local shopping mall. Staff, tutors, learners, and AmeriCorps members will operate the booth to inform the public about the benefits and advantages derived from increasing their literacy level. The booth would focus on BLL (basic language learners), ELL (English as a second language) learners, and BTOP (Basic Tech. opportunity program) learners who are receiving computer-training skills. All three types of literacy improvement result in greater economic opportunity. The volunteers will have sign-up sheets for people to make an appointment at the local Literacy office to come in for placement tests and to learn about our individually tailored learning plans. They will also have learners available who would be happy to give testimonials on how their life has changed and been enriched by their new literacy skills.
- AmeriCorps for the Adirondacks members will have an opportunity to assist with a youth- focused event at Whiteface Mountain in Wilmington, NY. The event will be adventure-based with a focus on community service and volunteerism. The details of this opportunity are still in the planning stages.

- AmeriCorps for the Adirondacks, in partnership with CV-TEC, will work with youth to use poetry as a form of social justice awareness and volunteerism in our community. AmeriCorps members and CV-TEC staff will work with the Ted K. Center, a local youth program in a government assisted housing program, to provide this opportunity to local children. AmeriCorps members will work with the children prior to MLK Day and will work with SUNY Plattsburgh to display students work on MLK Day at the event hosted at SUNY Plattsburgh Newman Center.

Rochester AmeriCorps

228 East Main Street -- Room 4081
Rochester, NY 14604

Rochester AmeriCorps members and staff will recognize Martin Luther King Day of Service by participating in RochesterCares' King for a Day project on Saturday, January 14. RochesterCares is our local affiliate of the HandsOn Network. RochesterCares organizes the city's largest volunteer event that honors the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Hundreds of volunteers engage in citywide service projects as we build a better Rochester. Volunteers educate students on diversity through crafts and readings, sort donated goods and medical supplies, paint city schools and other impactful activities that pay tribute to Dr. King's call to serve our local communities.

NYC Civic Corps

253 Broadway, 8th Floor
New York, NY 10007
Phone: (212) 788-7550

On January 16th, the Office of the Mayor is hosting a service event in recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s contributions to equality and social justice. NYC Service will be facilitating several different volunteer activities scheduled to engage approximately 100 children and more than 200 adults in educational enrichment, community and environmental enrichment, and emergency response.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Chief Service Officer Diahann Billings-Burford, along with participating partners, corporations, – including AmeriCorps members from Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation – will heed President Obama's Call to Service and lead a day of diverse impact, where:

- a) Volunteers will support K-3rd graders and middle school students in a literacy program exploring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s message and contributions and connecting them to his "dream",
- b) Volunteers will revitalize a public middle school by organizing science labs, painting classrooms, and creating murals. Volunteers will also provide some painting in the schoolyard/playground,
- c) Volunteers will provide care to the school garden via mulching, planting, and weeding, and
- d) Volunteers will receive instruction in Bystander CPR with the goal of training and empowering New Yorkers with the confidence and necessary skills to perform CPR during an emergency, which doubles the chances of survival during cardiac arrest. (This program is a partnership between NYC Service and the Fire Department of New York.)

In addition, some AmeriCorps members in the NYC Civic Corps program will be supporting service opportunities with their host sites on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, among them:

- buildOn – completing a variety of community service projects that are led by high school students engaged in service-learning activities.
- Jumpstart – literacy engagement with Pre-Kindergarten students.
- Literacy, Inc. – engaging its parent-volunteers in educational enrichment activities.

- NYCares – conducting surveys to help connect impoverished New Yorkers to needed resources.

Western New York Regional Volunteer Center

The Service Collaborative of Western New York
2188 Seneca Street
Buffalo, NY 14210

On January 16th, 2012, The Volunteer Center at The Service Collaborative of WNY, Inc. will celebrate MLK Day 2012 in partnership with The King Center Charter School. Over 200 AmeriCorps members, students, and community volunteers will mobilize to turn Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and teachings into community action. With the efforts from The American Red Cross Buffalo Chapter, Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo, Meals on Wheels, Project Naomi, and The King Center Charter School, volunteers will help raise awareness and tackle social problems on the East Side of Buffalo.

Volunteers will deliver food to the elderly, provide assistance for elderly and physically disabled individuals with home repairs/maintenance, build bird houses for urban gardens, engage in fire prevention outreach, construct picnic tables for Roswell Park Cancer Institute and Western New York Veterans Housing Coalition, and assist in the expansion of The King Center Charter School with a large scale painting project. A free luncheon will be provided for volunteers and community members.

Finger Lakes Regional Volunteer Center

Foodlink
30 Church Street – Room 005A
Rochester, NY 14614
(585) 428-6920

9:00 am - Saturday, Jan. 14th

Foodlink will have volunteers creating 6-8 (40'-50') raised beds and adding composting to our Freshwise Farm
1345 Penfield Center Rd.,
Penfield, NY 14526

Long Island Regional Volunteer Center

Long Island Volunteer Center
58 Hilton Avenue
Hempstead, NY 11550

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service, the Long Island Volunteer Center, an affiliate of HandsOn Network and one of 10 New York State designated regional volunteer centers, is sponsoring a gently-used sports equipment drive for at-risk children in partnership with Modell's and Children's Sport Connection (cscny.org). Volunteers helping staff the drive and sort donations will be secured through Global Team Players (teamplayers.org) and Chaminade High School Service Club as well as LIVC registered volunteers. Contributing to the Corporation for

National and Community Service strategic objective to increase economic opportunities, this drive launches on MLK Jr. Holiday on January 16, 2012 and ends on January 21, 2012. Four Modell's sporting goods stores are participating (2 in Nassau County, 2 in Suffolk County). Miss Long Island 2012 will be making an appearance to encourage youth volunteerism. SCO Family of Services (sco.org) and other youth program across Long Island will benefit. All media outlets will be notified to increase reach and impact. LIVC will also canvass our registered agencies and community partners to post their MLK Jr. activities on our website longislandvolunteercenter.org (which was just launched to HandsOn Connect) to encourage community engagement and volunteerism around this important national day of service.

Regional Volunteer Center of the Southern Tier

United Way of Broome County
PO Box 550
Binghamton, NY 13902

As a part of New York State's Volunteer Generation initiative, the newly formed Regional Volunteer Center of the Southern Tier has made \$2,500 in grants to local organizations participating in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. This diverse group of projects from across the region will allow volunteers of all ages to honor Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy by participating in a day of service to address the needs of our local communities.

"The MLK Day of Service shines a spotlight on service as a powerful force to bridge economic and social divides – today and throughout the year," explains Alan Hertel, Executive Director of United Way of Broome County. "National Days of Service provide each of us with an opportunity to join neighbors and local leaders to tackle community challenges and strengthen the nation."

The projects funded are:

- *St. Paul's Anglican Church (Pine City)*: To support their 1st Health Screening Day for the community.
- *Southern Tier Independence Center (Binghamton)*: To support work by volunteers to prepare for STIC's annual fundraiser. Volunteers will be prepping and painting walls for their annual Haunted House.
- *The Arc of Schuyler(Watkins Glen)*: To sponsor a public showing of Lives Worth Living, a 60-minute historical documentary about the Disability Rights Movement in America at The Glen Theater.
- *American Red Cross (Endicott)*: To allow AmeriCorps VISTA and AmeriCorps Members to spend the day reaching out to local businesses and organizations to distribute flyers and recruiting volunteers in Tioga and Tompkins County.
- *Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) (Binghamton)*: To partner with the Endicott Visitors Center to hold an Open House to recruit new volunteers and provide seasoned volunteers with some new opportunities.
- *171 Cedar Arts Center (Corning)*: To support their call for volunteers for their 27th annual "Make the Dream" celebration which encourages volunteers to participate and assist their School's Out Classes.
- *Economic Opportunity Program Inc. (Elmira)*: To support "Together We Dine" a two-part community dinner that delivers 400-500 meals for disabled and elderly and a sit-down dinner for 300 or more at the Ernie Davis Community Center.
- *Foodnet Meals on Wheels (Ithaca)*: To support the Cornell Alumni Association of the Ithaca Area's project to paint Foodnet's Meals on Wheels offices.
- *Davis College (Johnson City)*: To support a student-initiated project that will operate a soup kitchen at Carroll Street Ministries. Funding will allow volunteers to hand out warm accessories (hats, gloves, scarves) to attendees.
- *Endicott Performing Arts Center (Endicott)*: To support a performance of "DREAM" a collaboration honoring Dr. King between local performing arts organizations.

The Regional Volunteer Center of the Southern Tier is a new collaboration which promotes and enhances local volunteer efforts. Working with local nonprofits, the Center's goal is to build the volunteer infrastructure in the region so that more people are able to make a difference. It is led by the Institute for Human Services, the United Way of

Broome County, and United Way of Tompkins County. To learn more about the volunteer center or to search for opportunities dial 2-1-1 or visit www.211helpline.org/givehelp.

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Mid-Hudson Regional Volunteer

The Volunteer Center of United Way
220 White Plains Road
Tarrytown, NY 10591

Charles L. Brieant Community Center
Provides after-school programs for Ossining middle school through high school kids.

FSW's Sharing Shelf (Port Chester)
Volunteers will help The Sharing Shelf settle into their new site and sort donations for distribution.
(Age Minimum: 18, or 14 and up with an adult)

FSW's Sharing Shelf - Clothing Donations
Volunteers will collect donations of winter clothing for children (particularly sizes 4T-6). Donations can be dropped off between 10AM and 1PM.
(Age Minimum: None)

Institute of Applied Human Dynamics (Tarrytown)
Volunteers will bake friendship cookies to share with persons with developmental disabilities.
(Age Minimum: 18, or 12 and up with an adult)

Institute of Applied Human Dynamics (Tarrytown)
Volunteers will work alongside participants with disabilities to create "I have a dream" cloud mobiles and read books about Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and ideas. (Age Minimum: 18, or 12 and up with an adult)

White Plains Public Library
Volunteers will organize a collage activity with White Plains resident and modern pop artist Michael Albert.
(Age Minimum 18)

White Plains Family YMCA
Volunteers will paint rooms for the YMCA's residents.
(Age Minimum: 18, or 16 and up with an adult)

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Volunteers will assist children from YMCA's programs to create get well cards for sick children at St. Mary's Hospital in Bayside, Queens. (Age Minimum: 18, or 14 and up with an adult)

White Plains Youth Bureau
Volunteers will work with the participants of the Saturday Academy program to create a collage related to the themes of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and to discuss the meaning of the day. (Age Minimum: 16)

WJCS's Pass It On Kid's Closet (White Plains)
Volunteers in teams will sort gently used children's clothing by size, gender and condition. Each volunteer will make a Bag of Love, consisting of seven outfits for a child, one for each day of the week. (Age Minimum 18)

Academic Pathways (New Rochelle)

Volunteers will help students practice their speeches for the 4th Annual Dr. King Debate contest on 1/15/11. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to paint program areas where elementary and middle school aged children attend the program. (Age Minimum: 18)

Family Services of Westchester (Yonkers)

Volunteers will prepare and paint the reception area and offices of Yonkers Family Mental Health Center of Family Services of Westchester. (Age Minimum: 16)

Ferncliff Manor (Yonkers)

Teenage volunteers will work alongside participants with disabilities to create "I have a Dream" mobiles.

Groundwork Hudson Valley (Hastings)

Free a Tree! Vine Cutting - Volunteers will remove invasive vines on trees which will help rescue native vegetation, restore the important stream buffers, and preserve the area's biodiversity. Volunteers will also participate in garbage removal which is crowding out wildlife.

(Age Minimum: 16)

Mount Vernon Family YMCA

Volunteers will help educate youth ages 5 to 12 years-old about the life and legacy of MLK through MLK-related arts, crafts and sports activities. (Age Minimum: 18, or 14 and over with an adult)

My Sister's Place (Yonkers)

Teenage volunteers from MSP's S.A.F.E.R. (Students Advocating for Equality in Relationships) volunteer group will create welcome bags for children entering shelter and attend MSP's counseling programs.

Nepperhan Community Center (Yonkers)

Students from Gorton, Riverside and Roosevelt High Schools and Yonkers Middle and Yonkers Montessori Schools will perform for the residents and staff of Sans Souci Rehabilitation and Nursing Center and the Regency Nursing Homes. The NCC will have students share ideas/thoughts about MLK.

New Rochelle Public Library

Volunteers will help organize history clippings by rehousing them in archive folders, labeling the folder, and re-filing. (Age Minimum: 18)

Richmond Community Services (Yonkers)

Create a Valentine's Day Card with people who have significant intellectual and physical disabilities using paints, stamps, stickers, and more create a special card for a family member of someone who lives at Richmond. (Age Minimum: 18, or 14 and over with an adult)

Wartburg Adult Center (Mount Vernon)

Youth from the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau will have a community-game day at the Wartburg's Nursing Home, assisted living and adult day care. Teen volunteers will come to play games with the residents.

Yonkers Library (Will Branch)

In partnership with the City of Yonkers Department of Veterans Services, volunteers will be making cards and brotherhood bracelets for the local veterans. (Age Minimum: 14, or 4 and up with an adult)

Green Chimneys (Carmel)

Volunteers will help maintain Green Chimney's Health and Wellness Center on their Clearpool Campus in

Carmel by giving it a good coat of paint. This Center serves not only summer programs, but also the students who are part of their Intensive Day Treatment program. Volunteers are encouraged to bring a bag lunch. (Age Minimum: 18)

Therapeutic Equestrian Center (Cold Spring)

Volunteers will help maintain their facility by painting poles (ground poles), constructing a closet system for a large closet of donated riding clothes and constructing a concession room. (Age Minimum: 18)

Somers Manor

Volunteers will spend time with seniors and participate in a variety of activities ranging from playing card games to reading aloud. (Age Minimum: 18, or 4 and up with an adult)

Creative Response to Conflict (Nyack)

Volunteers will participate in two activities: First, the volunteers will complete a beautification project which will include: recycling, sweeping and rooftop gardening. Then, the volunteers will be part of an interactive program on Martin Luther King Jr. with readings, video and first-hand story telling. (Age Minimum: 18, or 14 and up with an adult)

Rockland Country Day School

Volunteers will help the students in making crafts that focus on sending the message to fight discrimination and bullying and model the Rockland Country Day School values of friendship and inclusion. Please note that this event will take place on Monday, January 16, 2012