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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

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Remembering

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., (January 15, 1929-April 4, 1968) was born in Atlanta, GA. His birth name was Michael King, Jr., but later had his name changed to Martin Luther King, Jr. King attended segregated public schools in Georgia, graduating from high school at the age of fifteen; he received the B. A. degree in 1948 from Morehouse College. After three years of theological study at Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania, where he was elected president of a predominantly white senior class, he was awarded the B.D. in 1951. With a fellowship from Crozer, he enrolled in graduate studies at Boston University, completing his residence for the doctorate in 1953 and receiving the degree in 1955. In Boston he met and married Coretta Scott, a young woman of uncommon intellectual and artistic attainments. Their marriage produced two sons and two daughters.

In 1954, Martin Luther King became pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. Always a strong advocate of civil rights for members of his race, King was, by this time, a member of the executive committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the leading organization of its kind in the nation. He was ready then, early in December 1955, to lead the bus boycott of Montgomery, AL, the first great African American nonviolent demonstration of contemporary times in the United States. The boycott lasted 382 days. On December 21, 1956, the Supreme Court of the United States declared the laws requiring segregation on buses as unconstitutional. During the days of the boycott King was arrested, his home was bombed, and he was subjected to personal abuse, yet he emerged as a leader of the Civil Rights Movement.

In 1957, King was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization formed to provide new leadership for the now burgeoning Civil Rights Movement. During the eleven-year period between 1957 and 1968, King traveled over six million miles and spoke over twenty-five hundred times, appearing wherever there was injustice, protest, and action. During this time he wrote five books as well as numerous articles. In these years he led a massive protest in Birmingham, Alabama that caught the attention of the entire world, providing what he called a coalition of conscience and inspiring his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail", a manifesto of the African American revolution. He planned the drives in Alabama for the registration of Black voters and directed the peaceful march on Washington, D.C. of 250,000 people to whom he delivered his "I Have a Dream" address. He conferred with President John F. Kennedy and campaigned for President Lyndon B. Johnson; he was arrested upwards of twenty times and assaulted at least four times; he was awarded five honorary degrees; was named Man of the Year by *Time* magazine in 1963; and became not only the symbolic leader of African Americans but also a world figure.

At the age of thirty-five King was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize. When notified of his selection, he announced that he would turn over the prize money of \$54,123 to the furtherance of the Civil Rights Movement.

On the evening of April 4, 1968, King was assassinated while standing on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tennessee, where he was to lead a protest march with striking sanitation workers.

**Biography of Martin Luther King Jr. from:*

The Nobel Prize website at nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/1964/king-bio.html

The King Center website at www.thekingcenter.org/mlk/bio.html



Above: This famous picture of Dr. King was taken in Denver, CO only months before his assassination. In honor of his contribution to this state and the nation as a whole, an oil-painted portrait of this picture hangs in the Colorado State Capitol.

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Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

About the Commission

**The Governor’s Commission on
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Lieutenant Governor Barbara O’Brien,**

promotes the ethic of service and volunteerism throughout Colorado, and carries out initiatives in the areas of mentoring and literacy.

The Commission supports and promotes volunteer service to all citizens as an effective means to address community needs and foster a collective commitment to lifelong community service.

As administrators of the AmeriCorps*State Programs in Colorado, the Commission builds on the dedication and expertise of individual citizens and public and private systems to expand civic participation and engagement in solving challenges faced by Colorado communities.

Mission

The Commission serves as a catalyst for the promotion and expansion of community service and volunteerism to all Colorado residents as an effective means to address civic and social issues and improve the overall well being of communities throughout the state.

Goals

- To advocate for service and volunteerism as essential components in sustaining healthy Colorado communities.
- To create mechanisms which facilitate greater cooperation, communication, and partnerships among agencies working in the service and volunteerism fields.
- To promote service and volunteerism as an integral component of education at all levels and as a lifelong responsibility.
- To increase public awareness, appreciation, support, and participation in service and volunteerism.
- To increase financial support for volunteer initiatives from a broad range of public and private sources.

- ❖ In addition to its national and community service charge, the Commission works to promote and expand volunteerism and civic participation through initiatives such as *Colorado Cares Day*, a statewide day of service.



Dear Volunteers and Community Partners,

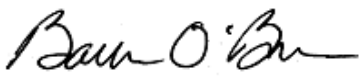
I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the organizations and individuals who contributed to the 2010 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service.

Martin Luther King, Jr. served as an example to all Americans to dedicate their time and energy back to their communities in order to make this a greater nation. We celebrate Dr. King's legacy by giving back to our fellow Coloradoans by making Dr. King's holiday *"a day ON, not a day off."*

Together, Colorado set a new standard of volunteerism by making this year's program the largest MLK Day of Service thus far in Colorado. With over 60 projects statewide and more than 12,000 hours volunteered, we proved that through the spirit of Dr. King we can join together and make a positive impact.

Congratulations to all of you who participated in this wonderful event and thank you for your efforts to make Colorado a better place for all of us.

With sincere appreciation,



Barbara O'Brien
Lieutenant Governor
State of Colorado



Barbara O'Brien
Lt. Governor of Colorado

Dear Partners in Service,

On behalf of the Governor's Commission on Community Service, I would like to commend the many volunteers and project managers that helped make the Colorado 2010 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service a true success. More people participated in this year's events than ever before making it the largest MLK Day of Service since its inception.

Dr. King once said, "Life's most urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" Each of you answered this question by participating in service projects aimed at helping others. Through your time and hard work, we witnessed more people touched by your generosity and kindness than in previous years.

Your support is greatly valued and appreciated. Thank you for honoring Dr. King's life and teachings by contributing meaningful service to your community and to the citizens of Colorado during your day off.

Sincerely,



Lindsay Morgan-Tracy
Chair
Governor's Commission on Community Service



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Martin Luther King Jr.

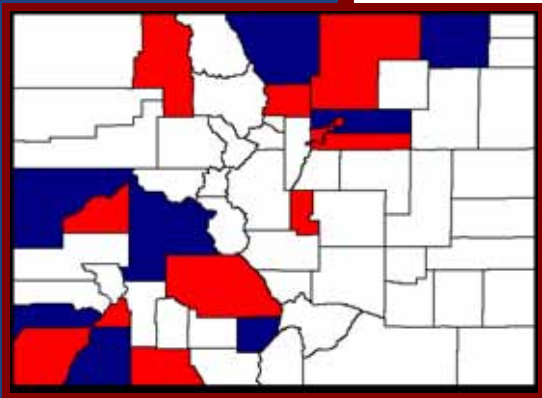
Day of Service Overview

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dedication to community service and volunteerism, Congress passed an initiative in 1994 to dedicate the MLK, Jr. Holiday as a National Day of Service and encourages all Americans to give back to their communities.

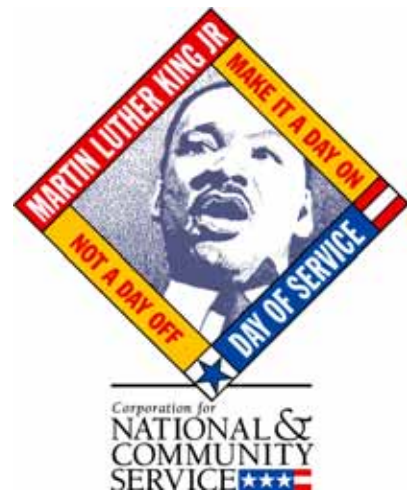
This year Colorado did its part in participating in this national day of service by planning and participating in various statewide service projects. These events ranged from:

- Arts & Culture
- Children & Youth
- Collections (Food, Clothing)
- Food Preparation
- Human Services
- Public Safety
- Painting
- Disability Services
- Distribution (Food, Clothing)
- Beautification/Clean Up
- Civic Engagement
- Education
- Health
- Renovation
- Poverty Fighting
- Energy/Environment
- Community Renewal
- Building

This year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service saw over 60 separate statewide projects that took place in 19 Colorado Counties.



- Adams County
- Arapahoe County
- Boulder County
- Delta County
- Gunnison County
- Larimer County
- Mesa County
- Montezuma County
- Routt County
- Saguache County
- San Juan County
- Teller County
- Weld County
- Alamosa County
- Archuleta County
- Delores County
- Denver County
- La Plata County
- Logan County



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The MLK Jr. Parade

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade in Denver, CO is one of the largest MLK Day celebrations in the country. Over 30,000 Coloradoans participated in the 25th Annual Parade, making it the largest to date.

On Monday, January 18, 2010, 30,000 Coloradoans gathered at the Martin Luther King, Jr. statue in Denver's City Park to hear prayers, inspiring words, and influential speeches from Governor Bill Ritter Jr., Lt. Governor Barbara O'Brien, State House Speaker Terrance Carroll, Mayor John Hickenlooper, US Senators Mark Udall and Michael Bennet, State and City elected individuals, and other community leaders.

Following the ceremony, participants marched from the statue, down Colfax Ave., to Civic Center Park. A second ceremony took place at Civic Center Park to culminate the Parade and present special awards.

Hundreds of volunteers helped with the organization, promotion, setup, and security for the event. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, *"Everyone can be great because everyone can serve."* Through the volunteers, we saw these words come to life.



Above: Governor Bill Ritter Jr. speaks to the crowd about "unity."



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**"Let freedom ring from the snowcapped
Rockies of Colorado!"**



Above: Mayor John Hickenlooper proudly accepts the Martin Luther King Torch at the opening ceremony of the Marade.



Left:
Governor Bill Ritter and Lt. Governor Barbara O'Brien marched side-by-side.

Below: Over 30,000 Coloradans marched in the 25th Annual MLK Marade.

"As we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead.."

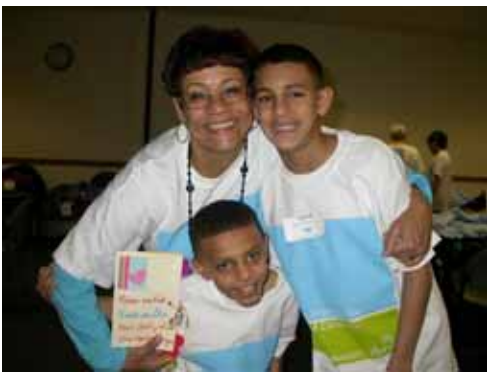


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Kaiser Permanente & Metro Volunteers



Kaiser Permanente and Metro Volunteers teamed up for this year's MLK Day of Service. Together, they created and participated in twelve different projects throughout Colorado. Through the efforts of Kaiser Permanente and Metro Volunteers over 35,000 people were served.



Visiting Nurses Association

Volunteers helped the Visiting Nurses Association make 39 fleece blankets and 193 Valentine's Day cards that will be distributed to clients of the VNA.



Above: Valentines of different shapes and sizes were made for the clients.



Below: A volunteer works hard to fix a wheelchair.

Project C.U.R.E.

Volunteers packed boxes for the Haiti relief effort, cleaned wheelchairs, cleaned and replaced medical equipment, and built additional storage for the Project C.U.R.E. warehouse. Additionally, Kaiser volunteers helped sort and pack medical supplies, which will be sent to communities in need around the world. In total, the volunteers packed and labeled 437 cartons of medical supplies, packed 15 pallets for shipment to Haiti, and cleaned and prepared 75 pairs of crutches, 50 wheelchairs, and 12 biomedical machines.



Volunteers for Project C.U.R.E. pose for a picture after all their hard work.

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Denver Bronco's Boys and Girls Club

In the morning, volunteers sorted 22 boxes of toys, organized the facility's storage room, organized the art room, and sorted 6 boxes of art supplies. The group replaced 1 basketball rim and 5 basketball nets. Additionally, they updated 5 bulletin boards, and cooked and served lunch for the club's 80 youth and 7 staff members. In the afternoon, volunteers engaged the youth in table tennis, pool, card games, painting, jewelry making, art, and constructing birdhouses. The day ended with a group of Club members putting on a talent show for their peers and the volunteers.



Volunteers participated in arts and crafts with the youth.



Bessie's Hope

Volunteers touched the lives of about 140 seniors through games, individual visits, and assisting with daily activities. During their lunch break, the volunteers created 20 cards and 20 care packages for the seniors they visited with that morning.



Volunteers had just as much fun as the seniors at Bessie's Hope.

Colorado Coalition for the Homeless

Volunteers engaged in painting projects at the Stout Street Clinic and the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless' main office building. The volunteers painted several bathrooms, a kitchen/break room, a conference room, the family waiting area, an accent wall in the lobby, and more. The areas were painted in an array of new and inviting colors.





Volunteers had a great time fixing up MLK Early College.

Metro Community Provider Network

Volunteers helped clean and paint the clinic. The clinic's 28 staff members and approximately 10,000 patients will appreciate the work of this volunteer day.



MLK Early College

Volunteers painted 30 columns in the school's main atrium and added motivational stenciling to five of the columns. Several volunteers helped build, mount, and decorate 4 new bulletin boards to help teachers share important information with students. Volunteers cleaned and conditioned approximately 200 wooden doors, a project that DPS has been unable to complete due to time constraints. A group of volunteers sorted and reorganized thousands of books, which will allow teachers to now get the correct books in the hands of students.



A volunteer sorts and organizes books.



Food Bank of the Rockies

Volunteers packed 900 boxes of food, which will be delivered to food banks, shelters, and other hunger-relief organizations throughout Colorado and Wyoming.



Left and Above: Volunteers sort and package food to be distributed to food banks.

Colorado I Have a Dream Foundation

Volunteers acted as mentors alongside 30 youth from the Colorado I Have a Dream Foundation. The group toured a Habitat house that was under construction. After the tour, the volunteers and youth painted and built 10 flower boxes and decorated 20 welcome signs for new Habitat houses.



Habitat for Humanity Home Improvement Outlet

Volunteers reorganized and cleaned the year area at the Habitat for Humanity Home Store.



Volunteers were all smiles while helping clean the Habitat store.



Community Health Services- Commerce City

Volunteers painted the Clinic's main hallway, an exam room, the kitchen, a stairwell, 4 metal doors, and more. A variety of different colors were used, brightening up the facility and making it look new again.



Community Health Services- Baker Clinic

Volunteers painted 3 exam rooms, a bathroom, and 1 wall in the lobby. The spaces were painted with fun and inviting colors.



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AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps members throughout the state honored the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. by participating and hosting various service projects. Many AmeriCorps members provided marshaling services for the MLK, Jr. Marade in Denver. They assisted local police and emergency responders in maintaining public safety along the Marade route.



NCCC members help marshal the Marade.



Salud Family Health Center

AmeriCorps/HealthCorps members from Salud Family Health Centers teamed up with the members from Metro Community Providers Network to help the Brandon Center, a shelter for victims of domestic violence and homelessness. They spent the morning cleaning and organizing in the children's areas. In the afternoon, they started activities with a lesson about who Martin Luther King, Jr. was. The kids painted their hands and printed them on their paper mural as a pledge against using their hands for violence.



Above: AmeriCorps & HealthCorps members pose after a successful day of teaching children about MLK and non-violence.



Above: AmeriCorps members teach the children about Martin Luther King, Jr

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AmeriCorps members have fun marching in the Marade.



Community Building Partnerships for Youth in Transition

The Community Building Partnerships For Youth In Transition program participated in the MLK, Jr. Marade. They marched in the Marade alongside some of the youth that the members mentor.

Later, the members made and served dinner to the residents of the Ronald McDonald house.



Above & Left: AmeriCorps members prepare food to serve at the Ronald McDonald House.



Western Hardrock Watershed Team

AmeriCorps members from the CO Watershed Team and the Office of Surface Mining (OSM) joined the Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP) and Help the Needy, a local non-profit from Teller County, to partake in their monthly firewood distribution day.

Logs that were removed during forest health projects had been delivered to the worksite at the Woodland Park Fire Department prior to the event. Chainsaw certified participants cut the logs into rounds. Other volunteers hauled the rounds to piles where they were then split with a wood splitter. These smaller, fireplace-sized pieces were stacked in neat piles to dry. While new pieces of firewood were being "created", other volunteers were loading truck beds and trailers with dry wood for local residents to take in order to heat their homes this winter. At the end of the workday, several volunteers loaded two other truck beds to deliver firewood to residents' homes.





Partners in Routt County

Partners in Routt County VISTAs, seven school-based mentors, and two Rocky Mountain Youth Corps VISTAs, coordinated a project to work with local youth and to give back to the community.

The city of Steamboat Springs has an after school and school days off program that they recognized as a group to work with, especially as school was not in session on MLK Day. During various activities, the kids played some gym games that emphasized teamwork and communication; made their own paper bag puppets and performed a skit with themes of diversity, and again, teamwork and communication; and made thank you cards for the various public servants of their community.



Volunteers then made brownies and cookies and delivered them, along with the thank you cards to the police station, fire stations, ski patrol, and the city's snowplow service.



Left: Volunteers take questions from the kids while speaking about the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Environmental Learning for Kids

Environmental Learning for Kids (ELK) went to two Mile High Montessori (MHM) Schools for their MLK Day service event. At these two schools, the youth read books about wildlife to the MHM students. After the reading, Kim Glatz, the Education Director for ELK, gave the "Skins and Skulls" presentation, which included describing local wildlife. The MHM students loved this part the best because of the props that Kim brought!



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2009-2010 Colorado AmeriCorps*State Programs

ACE Colorado Youth Leadership Initiative- AmeriCorps Program

America's Children's Education Foundation
719.583.7860

Boys and Girls Club Outreach and Enrichment Initiative

Boys and Girls Club of Larimer County
Statewide • 719.580.0379

CENTUS Healthy Family Initiative

Centus Counseling, Consulting & Education
Denver, CO • 303.639.5240

Colorado Asset Building Coalition Project

Advocates for Young Adults
Denver, CO • 720.363.5131

Colorado HIPPY Corps

Colorado Parent and Child Foundation
Statewide • 303.860.6000

Colorado Youth Corps Education Awards Program

Colorado Youth Corps Association
Statewide • 303.860.6000

Colorado Youth Corps Leadership & Conservation Program

Year One Inc., dba Mile High Youth Corps
Statewide • 303.433.1206

Community Partnerships for Youth in Transition

City and County of Denver
Denver, CO • 720.944-1006

Energize La Plata

Southern Ute Community Action Program
Durango, CO 970.563.4517, ext. 208

Mesa State College AmeriCorps Program

Mesa State College
Grand Junction, CO • 970.248.1874

PCC AmeriCorps Program

Pueblo Community College
Pueblo, CO 719.549.3244

Regional Substance Abuse Prevention Program (RSAPP/SCYC) AmeriCorps Program

Montezuma County Partners
Cortez, CO • 970.529.7139

Saguache United Methodist Church AmeriCorps Program

United Methodist Church of Center
Center, CO • 719.256.4662

The School Based Mentoring Program

Partners in Routt County
Steamboat, CO • 970.879.6141

Urban Education Service Corps

Denver Public Schools
Denver, CO • 720.839.2473

Weld County Youth Conservation Corps

Board of Weld County Commissioners
Greeley, CO • 970.353.3800, ext. 3362



United Way of Weld County

The Weld County AmeriCorps*VISTAs helped with a Housing Assistance Fair in Greeley, CO as part of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. Foreclosures in Weld County remain high and attendees seeking alternative options were able to speak directly to bank representatives, housing counselors, and other non-profit professionals.

Nine VISTA members helped register and guide attendees to various workshops including "Options When Facing Foreclosure," "How to Speak to Your Mortgage Lender," and "Surviving a Layoff." The VISTA team also helped guide people to fifteen different informational booths including: United Way of Weld County, 2-1-1, Chase Homeownership Center, Consumer Credit Counseling Service, Wells Fargo Bank, and the Colorado Foreclosure Hotline.

Representatives from the Weld Foreclosure Coalition, the main sponsor of the fair, were grateful to have the VISTA members help with the overall operation of this event.



Weld County Youth Conservation Corps

WCYCC coordinated two service projects for the MLK Day of Service. The first project consisted of painting six murals which were donated to places like the Boys & Girls Clubs of Weld County, CDI Head Start, Zoë, Employment Services of Weld County (Youth Unit), & Higher Grounds. The objective of the second service project was to go door-to-door and give away one Compact Fluorescent Light Bulb (energy efficient) and hand out a flyer from the Governor's Energy Office, which highlights energy saving tips that residents can do in their homes to conserve energy and save on utility expenses.



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“Get to Cleanin’ Remembering Memphis”

In 1968, Martin Luther King, Jr. went to Memphis, Tennessee, to assist the Memphis sanitation workers in a labor dispute for union rights and better working conditions. It was during this trip that he was assassinated on his motel room balcony.

Right: The 1968 Sanitation Workers Strike in Memphis, TN.



Commissioner Walt Beckert helped participants get the Marade route ready.

The “Get to Cleanin’ Remembering Memphis” project, is held each year in honor of the Memphis sanitation workers that fought for their civil rights while they fought for their union rights. Participants joined in remembrance by walking the Marade route and picking up trash before the event started the following Monday.

Many of the volunteers that participate in the project helped out with the Marade as well.



Volunteers prepare to pick up trash along Colfax Ave.



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Colorado Campus Compact



Colorado State University

Colorado State University organized youth and CSU students to form a 2010 Civil Rights Team and learn more about the Civil Rights Movement. Their MLK Day Activities included a keynote speaker at CSU (where an African drumming group played), volunteering with United Way to direct people to an Agency Fair, and a viewing and discussion of the movie "The Great Debaters"



Denver Public Schools

Denver Public Schools hosted the Kick-Off to a Season of Service, which will run from MLK Day to Global Youth Service Day. The kick-off included a breakfast where twenty-six volunteers pledged a total of 589 hours of service. At the breakfast, students made a pledge of service and Denver Urban League's CEO Landri Taylor gave a motivational speech. The kick-off continued by participating in the 25th Annual MLK, Jr. Parade.



Metropolitan State College of Denver

Metro State College held an MLK Breakfast and Cultural Program the morning of the MLK Day of Service. They also teamed up with the University of Colorado Experimental Learning Center to document reflections from the community about Martin Luther King Jr.

University of Colorado Boulder

Lafayette's 5th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. March for Peace had an estimated 400 participants. There was a celebration following the March for Peace where local projects were recognized.



University of Denver and Regis University

University of Denver and Regis University also participated in the 2010 MLK Day of Service. DU hosted their Annual College Access Day and Regis hosted the Martin Luther King Peace Week, including film discussions and a poetry slam event.

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Project Angel Heart

Dedicated members of the Denver community founded Project Angel Heart in 1991. They were determined to ensure that those living with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses were receiving proper nutrition - vital in the fight against disease. Project Angel Heart initially served twelve clients from a single, donated pan of lasagna. In 2009, Project Angel Heart delivered over 410,223 meals to 1,842 clients, free of charge. During eighteen years of phenomenal growth, their goal has always remained the same: 'meals with love' for men, women, and children living with life-threatening illnesses.

Project Angel Heart's delivery zone has expanded from 150 square miles of central Denver to encompass delivery boundaries that include 750 square miles of metropolitan Denver and 150 square miles in the Colorado Springs area. Such growth would not have been possible without the dedication of their volunteers. In 2008, 2,983 people donated 42,285 hours of their time preparing food in the kitchen, driving 42,952 miles to deliver meals to clients' homes, helping in the office, and assisting with fundraising events.

For over 800 clients served each week, Project Angel Heart embodies stability and hope by providing nutritious meals, free of charge, and specifically prepared to meet the nutritional needs of each individual client. Life-threatening illnesses can drain a person's energy and finances, threaten their dignity, limit their independence, and leave them feeling alone and vulnerable. Project Angel Heart provides life-saving nutrition necessary for physical, emotional, and financial health.

The Governor's Commission on Community Service would like to say Congratulations to Project Angel Heart, who received a Community Service Award at this year's MLK celebration!



Above: Volunteers prepare meals to deliver.



Above: A volunteer delivers a nutritious meal.

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Kids' Pasta Project

The Kids' Pasta Project (KPP) of the North Fork Valley in Delta County hosted an awards dinner for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. The mission of the Kids' Pasta Project is for youth to serve their community by preparing and serving freshly made, healthy meals with the profits going to local causes.

To honor MLK Day, KPP created its first annual "KPP Building Bridges Service Award" to present to one of these causes. Award applicants answered questions about how they strengthen community, empower individuals, and build bridges in the community. A committee of ten youth reviewed the applications and awarded the Paonia Library first place and the Tri-County Resource Council second place.

Volunteers arrived to prepare for the dinner at Scenic Mesa Ranch in Hotchkiss, CO on the afternoon of January 18. Area VISTAs came to help and talk with the ten KPP volunteers between the ages of seven and fifteen about Martin Luther King, Jr. Some of the volunteers worked in the kitchen rolling out fresh pasta, while others worked in the dining room as waiters, bus staff, cashier, and maitre d' serving approximately thirty guests.

Two of the youth wrote speeches about the recipient organizations and presented them at the dinner along with the prize checks. Another youth quoted from Martin Luther King, Jr.'s speech, "I have a dream that someday my four children will be judged not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character..." KPP teaches kids the purpose of this dream.



Above: Volunteers of all ages help serve meals.



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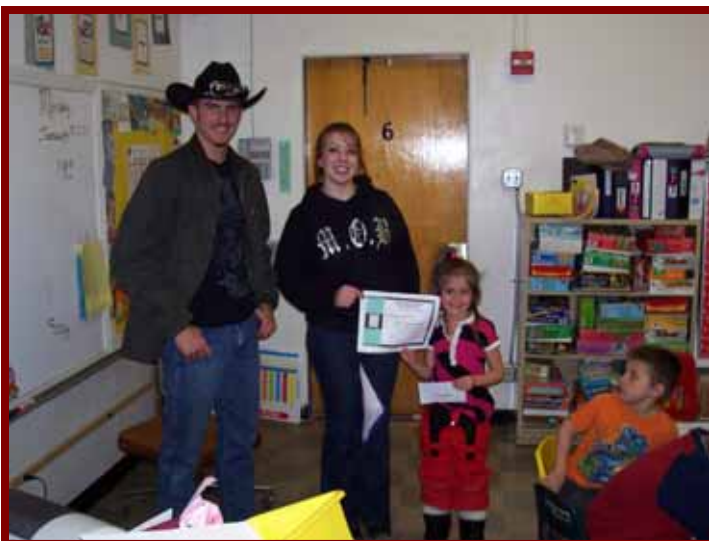
Honoring MLK, Jr. Project

The Dove Creek High School honored Martin Luther King, Jr. by holding an assembly for their students. The assembly began with an introduction of who Martin Luther King was and the impacts he made on our nation. Next, a senior recited Martin Luther King, Jr.'s famous speech "I Have A Dream". The music department sang four songs in relation to Martin Luther King, Jr. For the 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade, an acrostic poem contest and an "I Have A Dream" speech contest were held. The acrostic poem contest consisted of students creating their own acrostic poem relating to Martin Luther King, Jr.'s role in the civil rights movement. The "I Have A Dream" speech contest consisted of students writing their own "I Have A Dream" speech. The top three winners of each contest presented their poems and speeches at the school assembly in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Winners were awarded cash prizes.

For the K-5th Grades a coloring contest was held. The coloring contest consisted of students coloring a portrait of Martin Luther King, Jr. Winners were selected as best colored page in each class. Winners were awarded McDonald's gift cards and given certificates by members of Students Taking Action Against Underage Drinking (STUD).



Contest winners were given certificates for their achievement.



Above: Volunteers pose with one of the coloring contest winners. The winners were all awarded certificates, as well as prizes.



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Volunteers of America



Volunteers served over 1200 meals to community members.

Each year Volunteers of America (VOA) celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day with “Dinner For Those Who Hunger,” where more than 1000 members of the community come together to remember Dr. King through live music, blessings (Christian and Jewish), a brief history, food, volunteering, and brotherhood.



Community members enjoyed music while eating their meals.

Volunteers of America was honored by the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission for their 25 consecutive years of celebration. Each year, “Dinner for Those Who Hunger” is held at one of VOA’s senior high-rise apartments, where more than 1200 meals are served to anyone in the community who wishes to come and celebrate. This year, more than 200 volunteers served dinner to the guests and enjoyed the celebration



Above: Clothes were donated and given out to individuals and families before the dinner.

we feed. we shelter. we support.



we care

a day ON, not a day off for...

Northern Ave. Clean Up

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s life dedication, a day of service was held that consisted of picking up trash, weeding, and removal of sucker growth on trees along Northern Ave in Pueblo. All Pueblo City schools were contacted, as well as, all church youth groups to attend the event. Twenty-three volunteers attended the event and a stretch of one mile was cleaned. The sponsors of the project were the Pueblo Volunteer Center, the RSVP Program, and the Foster Grandparent Program.



Above: Volunteers weed along Northern Ave.

Above: Volunteers gather for a group picture after their hard work.





Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

The MLK Humanitarian Awards

Since 1990, the non-profit Martin Luther King Holiday Committee has sponsored the Martin Luther King Humanitarian Awards. These awards are given annually to community members who have “given freely from their hearts to others, given the time, talent, and energy to meet unmet needs, stir hope, speak for the voiceless, and build a better world, if for only one person at a time.” Recipients of the MLK Humanitarian Awards help to bring about Dr. King’s dream of an equal chance for all persons to build a better life. They demonstrate the spirit of the MLK Jr. Day of Service through their everyday lives.

Governor Bill Ritter, Jr. and Tamara Banks, KBDI-Channel 12, presented this year’s awards at Boettcher Concert Hall the evening of January 12, 2010.

The 2010 Award Honorees:

Clinica Tepeyac

Ms. Rhonda Fields

La Academia at the Denver Inner City Parish

League of Women Voters of Denver Education Fund

Pastor Heidi McGinness

Ms. Alyssa Motz, Youth Recipient

The 2010 MLK Lifetime Achievement Award recipients:

Dorothy Rupert, Former Senator

Ms. Cleo Parker Robinson



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2010 Celebration Events

Monday, January 11, 2010

Press Conference/Launching of the MLK, Jr. Torch

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

20th Annual MLK, Jr. 2010 Humanitarian and Lifetime Achievement Awards & Colorado Symphony Orchestra

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Human/Civic Rights "Forum"

Friday, January 15, 2010

The 19th Annual MLK Peace Awards & Breakfast

Aurora Community of Faith Breakfast

The 25rd Annual MLK Social Business Responsibility Awards Luncheon

"Expression of an Activist"

Saturday, January 16, 2010

Marade Marshal Training

The Dream 5k Run/Walk

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Colorado Holiday Commission's 25th Anniversary Reception

"Get to Cleanin' - Remembering Memphis"

Sunday, January 17, 2010

Highlands Ranch, Community 2010 Unity Walk and Reception

Dr. King Annual Ecumenical Service

Candle Light Visual Recognizing the Genocide Around the World

MLK, Jr. African American Heritage Rodeo Cowboy Reception

Monday, January 18, 2010

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11th Annual Dr. King, Jr. Breakfast Celebration Arapahoe Community College

25th Annual MLK, Jr. Marade 2010

The 25th Annual "Dinner For Those Who Hunger"

MLK, Jr. African American Heritage Rodeo of Champions



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List of Projects

Opportunity/Project Name	County	Type of Opportunity
5 th Annual MLK March for Peace	Boulder	Children & Youth; Civic and Community
5 th Annual Steamboat All Mountain Camp	Routt	Disability Service
After Christmas Food Drive	Logan	Collections (Food, Clothing, etc.)
An All-Campus Celebration Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.	Gunnison	Civic and Community
Bessie's Hope	Denver	Human Services; Elderly
Book Talk on "The Souls of Black Folk"	Gunnison	Arts & Culture; Civic and Community
Boulder Shelter Kitchen and Boulder County Cares	Boulder	Beautification/Clean up; Poverty Fighting; Food Organizing and Donation Sorting
Campus Clean Up	Alamosa	Beautification/ Clean up; Children & Youth; Civic and Community; Health; Human Services; Poverty Fighting; Public Safety
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless	Denver	Health; Painting; Elderly
Community Building Partnerships for Youth in Transition	Denver	Children & Youth; Civic and Community; Food Preparation
Community Firewood Program	Teller	Civic and Community; Distribution (Food, Clothing, etc.); Energy/Environment; Human Services
Community Health Services-Baker	Denver	Health; Painting; Elderly
Community Health Services-Commerce City	Adams	Health; Painting; Elderly
The Denver Broncos' Boys & Girls Club	Denver	Arts & Culture; Beautification/ Clean up; Children & Youth; Education/ Tech; Tutoring; Elderly
Estes Earth Fest	Larimer	Civic & Community; Community Renewal; Education/Tech; Energy/Environment; Food Preparation; Health; Human Services; Poverty Fighting; Sustainable Development

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Feed the Homeless Community Awareness Project	Alamosa	Collections (Food, Clothing, etc.); Food Preparation; Poverty Fighting
Food Bank of the Rockies	Denver	Distribution (Food, Clothing, etc.); Poverty Fighting
Fort Collins MLK Day	Larimer	Civic & Community
Four Corners Lightbulb Exchange	La Plata	Arts & Culture; Civic and Community; Collections (Food, Clothing, etc.); Distribution (Food, Clothing, etc.); Energy/Environment
Get to Cleanin' – Remembering Memphis	Denver	Beautification/Clean up; Children & Youth; Civic and Community; Community Renewal; Education/Tech; Health; Veterans
Government Assistance Pamphlet Distribution for Low-Income Housing	Boulder	Children & Youth; Civic and Community; Human Services; Poverty Fighting
Groundwork Denver Neighborhood Energy Action	Denver	Civic & Community; Community Renewal; Energy/Environment; Poverty Fighting
Habitat for Humanity Outlet Store	Denver	Building; Community Renewal; Elderly
Home Energy Awareness	Weld	Building; Energy/Environment
Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.	Dolores	Arts & Culture; Children & Youth; Civic and Community; Education/Tech; Essay or Oratorical Contest
Housing Assistance Fair and Forum	Weld	Education/Tech; Poverty Fighting
I Have a Dream Foundation	Denver	Children & Youth; Civic and Community; Elderly
I Have a Dream Walk & Family Potluck	La Plata	Arts & Culture; Civic and Community; Collections (Food, Clothing, etc.)
Keeping the Dream Alive-Longmont Honors Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.	Boulder	Civic and Community; Education/Tech
Kids' Pasta Project	Delta	Children & Youth; Civic and Community; Education/Tech; Food Preparation; Poverty Fighting
Living Green- Rebuilding Denver One Home at a Time	Adams	Building; Civic and Community; Energy/Environment; Health

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Martin Luther King Day Pancake Breakfast	Montezuma	Children & Youth; Civic and Community; Food Preparation
Metro Community Provider Network	Denver	Beautification/ Clean up; Health; Painting
Mile High Youth Corps MLK Habitat Project	Denver	Building; Community Renewal
MLK Day Neighborhood Energy Action	Denver	Civic and Community; Community Renewal; Energy/Environment
MLK Day Youth Service to Local Businesses	Saguache	Beautification/ Clean up; Civic and Community; Food Preparation
MLK Early College	Denver	Beautification/ Clean up; Building; Children & Youth; Education/ Tech; Painting; Elderly
Mural Painting	Weld	Arts & Culture; Painting
Neighborhood Energy Action	Denver	Civic and Community; Energy/Environment; Poverty Fighting
New Year's Resolutions for the Earth	Boulder	Children & Youth; Civic and Community; Community Renewal; Education/Tech; Energy/Environment
Northern Ave. Clean-Up	Pueblo	Beautification/ Clean up; Children & Youth
Painting at Canyon Pointe	Boulder	Beautification/ Clean up; Community Renewal; Human Services; Painting
Peace Walk Food Drive	Boulder	Civic and Community; Collections (Food, Clothing, etc.); Human Services
Project C.U.R.E	Arapahoe	Distribution (Food, Clothing, etc.); Health; Elderly
Salud/MCPN HealthCorps Youth Outreach Project	Denver	Beautification/ Clean Up; Children & Youth; Distribution (Food, Clothing, etc.); Education/Tech; Food Preparation; Health
Season of Service Kick-Off Breakfast	Denver	Children & Youth; Civic and Community; Community Renewal; Education/ Tech
Season of Service Rally into the Parade	Denver	Children & Youth; Civic and Community

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Silverton MLK Day Clothing Drive	San Juan	Civic and Community; Collections (Food, Clothing, etc.)
Skate Day for United Way on Martin Luther King Day	Archuleta	Children & Youth; Civic and Community
Spending the Day at Montessori Schools	Denver	Children & Youth; Energy/Environment
Steamboat Springs AmeriCorps MLK Day of Service	Routt	Children & Youth; Civic and Community; Distribution (Food, Clothing, etc.); Food Preparation
Stop & Serve: MLK Edition	Denver	Arts & Culture; Beautification/Clean Up; Collections (Food, Clothing, etc.); Community Renewal; Disability Service; Disaster Relief/Recovery; Disaster Training Preparedness
The City of Lafayette's Community Peace March	Lafayette	Arts & Culture; Beautification/Clean Up; Children & Youth; Civic and Community; Community Renewal; Painting
The Community Voters Project	Denver	Civic and Community; Voter Registration
Visiting Nurses Association	Denver	Health; Human Services; Elderly
Warren Village Basic Needs Drive	Denver	Children & Youth; Civic and Community; Collections & Distribution (Food, Clothing, etc.); Education/ Tech; Health; Poverty Fighting
Western Colorado Conservation Corps MLK Day of Service	Mesa	Faith- Based; Food Preparation; Poverty Fighting
YouthBiz Rejuvenation Painting Project	Denver	Children & Youth



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