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## **AmeriCorps Members to Honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Through Service**

**RALEIGH** – AmeriCorps members across North Carolina will celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by volunteering their time to help others. Members will help distribute food, organize a new homeless shelter, prepare goodie bags for troops and participate in a variety of community events. Gov Bev Perdue signed a proclamation in honor of [Martin Luther King, Jr. Day](#).

“Dr. King embodied the spirit of helping others and many North Carolinians are in need this year,” Perdue said. “I commend the AmeriCorps members who use this day of service to honor Dr. King’s memory by serving their communities.”

The following are projects AmeriCorps members will participate in for the King Day of Service. All events are on Monday, Jan. 18, unless otherwise noted:

- **UNC-Greensboro Center for New North Carolinians, AmeriCorps Cross Cultural Education Service Systems (ACCESS) and Community Collaborative (Recovery) programs:** Members will celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through introducing newly arrived immigrants and refugees to the dream of Dr. King on Saturday, Jan. 16, at Avalon Community Development Center. ACCESS members and other community volunteers will teach about Dr. King and the civil rights movement through engaging families in the Avalon community. Avalon residents are predominately African refugees who have recently arrived in North Carolina. The center is located at 300 C. Avalon Rd. in Greensboro. On Monday, Jan. 18, at the Greensboro Children’s Museum, members will assist A&T State University students in educating community members on the life of Martin Luther King Jr. For more information, call Daniel Rhodes or Stephanie Baldwin at 336-256-1375.

- **Capital Area Workforce Development Board, Access JobLink:** Members will be working with Antioch Builds Community of First United Antioch Baptist Church to rehabilitate an abandoned house the church has recently purchased. The house will be used as a half-way house for ex-offenders re-engaging with the community. Members and volunteers will meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 214 Hyde Park Avenue in Durham to perform general repair work, landscaping, painting, wallpapering and carpeting. For more information, call Ray Riordan at 919-856-5992 or 919-368-2959.
- **Stokes Partnership for Children, AmeriCorps and Children Together (ACT):** Members and volunteers will provide assistance, a meal and companionship to patients at the King Dialysis Center from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. King Dialysis Center is located at 140 Moore Road in King, N.C. For more information, contact Katie Snow at 336-985-2676 or [ksnow@stokespfc.com](mailto:ksnow@stokespfc.com).
- **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Education, N.C. Literacy Corps:** Members along with United Way of the Greater Triangle and Christ United Methodist Church of Chapel Hill have partnered to sponsor the Orange County signature project. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., volunteers will make blankets, scarves and Valentine goodie bags for troops. This activity will take place at 800 Market St. in Chapel Hill. For more information, call Dalia Santos at 919-463-5006.
- **Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy, Project Conserve and AmeriCorps Project Energize (Recovery):** Project Conserve members will participate in improving the Stoney Knoll Community Center in Mill Spring. Members and volunteers will landscape the grounds of the community center, improve the community gardens and improve the conditions of buildings through repairing, cleaning and painting the community center building, library and conference building. AmeriCorps Recovery Project Energize members will be weatherizing buildings at the WNC Nature Center in Asheville to make them more energy efficient, as well as assisting with other tasks around the center. For more information on both projects, contact Amy Stout or Kimberly Brewster at 828-697-5777, [projectconserve@carolinamountain.org](mailto:projectconserve@carolinamountain.org) or [officemgr@carolinamountain.org](mailto:officemgr@carolinamountain.org).
- **Children First of Buncombe County, Putting Opportunities Within Everyone's Reach (POWER):** Members and volunteers will be bringing together the children from the three Project MARCH sites with the YWCA Future Vision middle school program for a morning of reflection, history, arts and crafts, followed by the Peace March through downtown Asheville. A time and location have not been set but contact Jennifer Hampton at 818-259-9717, [jenniferh@childrenfirstbc.org](mailto:jenniferh@childrenfirstbc.org) or Tara Jardine at 402-239-5733, [taraannejardine@gmail.com](mailto:taraannejardine@gmail.com) for the most up to date information.
- **The Servant Center Inc., The Partnership to End Homelessness:** On Saturday, Jan. 16, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., members will serve chili and chicken soup to the homeless at the Main Street Library on Church Street in Greensboro out of the Salvation Army Disaster Relief Vehicle. Food preparation will begin at 12 noon. Members will also participate in the MLK Day Parade on Monday, Jan 18, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The parade will take place on Martin Luther King Drive in Greensboro. For more information, call Kathy Vohs at 336-275-8585 or 336-644-3347. AmeriCorps alumni are encouraged to participate.

- **Child Care Services Association, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Corps:** Members and volunteers will be serving at Antioch Baptist's community center in downtown Durham helping to restore the center by doing repair work, landscaping, painting and re-carpeting from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The community center provides services to ex-offenders including job training through Durham's Joblink Career Center and reintegration services. The community center is located at 214 Hyde Park Ave in Durham. For more information, contact Allie Davis at 919-403-6950 or [allied@childcareservices.org](mailto:allied@childcareservices.org).
- **Black Child Development Institute, Spirit of Excellence and the Spirit of Success (Recovery):** Members will participate in the MLK Day Parade in Greensboro at 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 18. On Tuesday, Jan. 19, members will assist with painting classrooms, bathrooms and hallways in addition to re-organizing the media center at Murphey Traditional Academy from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The school is located at 2306 Ontario Street in Greensboro. For more information, contact Chris Wallace at 336-230-2138 or [cwallace@blackchilddevelopment.org](mailto:cwallace@blackchilddevelopment.org).
- **East Carolina University College of Education, High Expectations for At-Risk Teens (HEART) and Wellness Corps (Recovery):** Members and volunteers will spend the day with elderly residents at ECU University Towers, 500 West Third St. in Greenville from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. They will play bingo, teach low-impact exercise techniques, increase the residents' computer knowledge and help interested residents create facebook pages. The members, volunteers, and residents will create flower pots to be used to decorate the women's and children's wing of Pitt Memorial Hospital. For more information, contact Dr. Betty Beacham at 252-328-1849 or [beachamb@ecu.edu](mailto:beachamb@ecu.edu).

The N.C. Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service, a federally and state-funded agency housed in the Governor's Office, administered funding to 14 N.C. AmeriCorps programs for the 2009-2010 program year. Members tutor and mentor school-aged youth, improve the quality of care for preschool children and address the need for affordable housing by building houses for low-income families. For more information on the N.C. AmeriCorps programs, visit the Commission's Web site at [www.volunteernc.org](http://www.volunteernc.org) or call 1-800-820-4483 or 1-877-877-1765 (TTY).

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