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Billings Metro VISTA Project	Billings Community Connect, formerly known as, Project Homeless Connect	Billings Community Connect is a one-day, one-stop event that has been recognized as a national "best practice" in the fight against poverty and homelessness. The event is designed to provide a safe place for homeless or near-homeless individuals and families to access numerous forms of assistance in a caring, one-stop setting. Onsite services address the needs that contribute to homelessness by providing access to housing resources, employment and benefits systems, basic medical and dental care, mental health and chemical dependency assessments, flu shots, haircuts, and much more – all under one roof!	Shrine Auditorium	1125 Broadwater Ave	Billings	Joseph Chalupa (406) 861-0689 josephchalupa@gmail.com	1/27/2012	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Campus Corps, MSU Billings	MLK Power of One Week	On Monday morning the MSU-B Campus Corps program will host have a bell ringing ceremony in Peaks to Plains Park and then proceed to the Atrium in our SUB building for a program that will include, a reenactment of an excerpt from one of King's speeches, songs from the MSUB choir, an opportunity to sign MLK pledge cards and quotes read aloud by campus corps team members.	Montana State University Billings, Office for Community Involvement	SUB 225, 1500 University Dr.	Billings	Hazel Todd Hazel.todd@msubillings.edu 896.5817	1/16/2012	9:50 am to 11am
Campus Corps, MSU Billings	MLK Service Saturday	Students that participate in this month's Service Saturday event will visit different group homes in the Billings area and work with the residents to do an art project, play games, and read books, all of which will focus on diversity. Additionally, they will purchase new games and books to donate to the group homes.			Billings	Hazel Todd Hazel.todd@msubillings.edu 896.5817	1/21/2012	
Campus Corps, Rocky Mountain College	Rocky Mountain College MLK Service Celebration	From 1/9-1/31 we will be doing a canned food drive that will be part of our April Construction event that will benefit the Billings Food Bank and Family Services Inc. On 1/17 in partnership with Rocky's Student Activities group we will be having students make cards that will be passed out to children at the local hospital, we also be using their activity promotion areas around campus to highlight the importance of community service. In partnership with our Physician's Assistants program we will be promoting and encouraging students, staff and faculty to sign up for the blood drive scheduled on February 9th. On 1/26 and 1/27 some Rocky students will volunteer to help out with the annual Billings Project Homeless Connect. Lastly we will also staff a table during the lunch hours on the Mondays in January to promote upcoming community service activities and MLK day information.	Rocky Mountain College	1511 Poly Drive	Billings	Jill Washburn campuscorps@rocky.edu and 238-7394	January 9th-31st	
Campus Corps, Rocky Boy Reservation	Read for Peace	Read for Peace: In the spirit of Martin Luther King, volunteers at SCC will come together to promote a more just and peaceful world, starting with education at the lowest levels. Volunteers will sign up to read to students at the local Head Start over a span of 5 days. They have selected to read 'The Peace Book' by Todd Parr which deals with simple and practical issues that the kids can grasp and put into practice even at their young age, laying a strong foundation for future growth.	Head Start at Stone Child College		Box Elder	Michael Yegerlehner myegerlehner@stonechild.edu	1/16-1/20	

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Campus Corps, MSU	Martin Luther King Jr. Bozeman Celebration & March	What's in your heart and soul? Come to the celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and find out. The annual MLK Day community event will be held at the Emerson Cultural Center, Sunday, January 15, 2012 from 1-3:30 pm. This free family friendly program will feature live music, Mexican food, a performance by actor Chris McIntyre, and a peace parade around the block. For those interested in exploring ways to serve in the local area, representatives from non-profits will be participating.	Emerson Cultural Center	111 South Grand Avenue	Bozeman	Alex Black teamleader@montana.edu	1/16/2012	1pm-3:30pm
RSVP of Southwest Montana	Museum of the Rockies	Through a partnership with the Museum of the Rockies and the Gallatin Valley Food Bank, this RSVP led activity will include free entrance for 70 military families into the museum. RSVP volunteers trained as docents will provide personalized tours for the families. A family activity lead by RSVP volunteers will help participants to rekindle their bonds as a family. The Gallatin Valley Food Bank will provide the refreshments for all participants with local dignitaries in attendance.	Museum of the Rockies	Please contact RSVP for specifics	Bozeman	Kelly Ziebarth kziebarth@rsvpmt.org 406.587.5444	1/14/2012	Please contact RSVP for specific times
Montana Tech	Stop, Drop and Read	This project will be a collaboration between AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Vistas, the Butte Silver Bow Library, RSVP, the Butte Veterans Center, McDonalds, and the Butte community at large to encourage children to read. It is an event where children will have a "day off" of school but a "day on" of learning. Stop Drop and Read will take place at two local fire stations, one in the uptown area and one in the downtown area. At each location, firefighters will read a story to the children, followed by a tour of the fire station. The firefighters will also give a short presentation on fire safety. Local veterans will present the children with and American flag and lead them through the pledge of allegiance. At the end of the event, McDonald's will provide refreshments for the children, and each child will be able to choose a book of their very own to take home with them so they can start their own reading library.	Butte Fire Department	120 South Idaho Street	Butte	Ashley Makowski amakowski@mtech.edu (406) 461-2132	1/16/2012	1:00pm - 2:30pm
RSVP Flathead County	Read to a Vet	In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day the Flathead RSVP is hosting a service event at the Montana State Veteran's Home in Columbia Falls. Volunteers are needed for our Read to a Vet event on January 17, 18 & 19 from 1:30 - 3:30 each day. Volunteers are asked to read with individuals or in small groups for as little as 30 minutes or up to 2 hours. Reading material will be provided or you may choose to bring your own selection. For more information or to sign up, please contact Wendy Jeschke at the Flathead RSVP office at 758-5712.	Montana State Veterans Home	400 Veterans Drive	Columbia Falls	Wendy Jeschke wjeschke@flathead.mt.gov, 758-5712	January 17, 18, 19	1:30 – 3:30 each day

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Campus Corps, UM Western	K-3: Read for Peace, 7-12: Teachings of MLK life & work	Campus Corps, Compact Service Corps, AmeriCorps VISTA, and college student volunteers will be entering classrooms the week of January 9-13 to spread awareness on Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's life and work. Volunteers will be joining the "MLK Read for Peace" project within the K-3 classrooms. Classroom projects with the 7 th -8 th graders will consist of a educational timeline of MLK's life and work, followed by a jeopardy style interactive trivia game. The volunteers placed at the Middle school will be serving in a history class and teaching 7 periods. The high school project consists of a visit early in the week, students will be reading MLK's speeches and volunteers will teach a lesson on the life and work of Dr.King. The high school students will then work throughout the week writing their own "freedom speeches".	Dillon Public Schools		Dillon	Cheyenne Marcy (UM Western Campus Corps Leader) campuscorps@umwestern.edu, 406.683.7202	January 9-13	
Campus Corps, MSU Great Falls	MLK and Childhood Awareness	The Boys' and Girls' Club and Campus Corps are going to work with children in their afterschool program to raise their awareness about Martin Luther King Jr. Day. K-4 th graders will participate in Reading for Peace, a program that reads age appropriate books about MLK and allows for those children to reflect on ideas generated from their reading through poems and pictures. 5-12 th graders will participate in a film on MLK that highlights his goals and ideas of equality. The film will be accompanied with a guest speaker.	Boys and Girls Club – North Central	600 1st Ave SW	Great Falls	T.C. Knutson campuscorps@msugf.edu 771-4324	1/13/2012	4:00 pm -6:00 pm
Area VI RSVP	Coupons for Military Families	Our U.S. military families stationed overseas are able to use manufacturer's grocery coupons on base for up to SIX MONTHS after the manufacturer's expiration date. This project will place collection boxes around communities and ask that manufacturer coupons be dropped off. A team of volunteers will clip and sort the coupons and package them to go to a military base overseas. We have contact information for 26 US military bases around the world. Packages of coupons will be sent out to each of them.	various locations in Lake, Lincoln, Mineral, Sanders, and Ravalli Counties	310 Old Corvallis Rd	Hamilton	Sharon Bladen rsvp@montana.com 406.363.1102	1/9/12-1/30/12	collection boxes will be available during business hours around communities
Campus Corps-Aaniih Nakod College	Read for Peace	Student volunteers will be going into classrooms to read books about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as well as other peace-themed books to students who will then complete a corresponding art activity.	Headstart of Harlem and the Immersion School		Harlem	Alison Graham agraham@mail.fbcc.edu	1/13/2012	

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Campus Corps, MSU Northern	Free Luncheon and Art Exhibit	In an effort to honor this vision and the work and legacy of Dr. King and raise awareness about appreciating diversity in our community, MSU-Northern plans to host a free luncheon and art exhibit on campus. The lunch will be open to all students, faculty and the public, will include a presentation of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech and will display local community members' and students' art pieces focused on diversity. After this event to celebrate diversity and Dr. King, the art will be on display on campus and open to the public for a week after. Artists will have the option to donate their piece for a silent auction and proceeds will go towards the Havre Food bank, an organization that fills the crucial need of providing food to community members in need.	UM Northern Student Union Building Ballroom		Havre	Grace Milanowski campuscorps@msun.edu or 406-265-3577	1/18/2012	
Opportunity Link	Renovate Havre's Historic Courthouse and Post Office	Join with Opportunity Link in renovating Havre's Historic Courthouse and Post Office Building. Renovation from 10am to 3pm with a community tour at noon.	Havre Courthouse	306 3rd Ave	Havre	Lisa Smith 406-265-3699	1/16/2012	10am-3pm
Campus Corps, MSU Northern	Be Part of the Change	The campus corps leaders from Rocky Boy, Aaniih Nakoda College, and MSU Northern and AmeriCorps members from Boys and Girls club of the high line and OpportunityLink are working together to put on this event. Our MLK Day of Service project will focus on Education through encouraging students to explore and express their thoughts on civic engagement in writing or using digital media. We will host an essay/video PSA/photo essay contest for high school students in the High Line area, in which students will be asked to express what civic engagement means to them in North Central Montana, and in which areas do they feel like people need to engage in order to improve the community of North Central Montana. The winners will be invited to attend a banquet in which they will receive a gift certificate. This will also be an America's Sunday supper type of event, in which we will have a discussion about issues that the high school students see are affecting North Central Montana.	Havre, Rocky Boy, Fort Belknap Chinook, Harlem, Hays Lodgepole		Havre, Rocky Boy, Fort Belknap Chinook, Harlem, Hays Lodgepole	Lisa Smith lsmith@opportunitylinkmt.org, 406-265-3699	1/16/2012	
Prevention Resource Center	Pancake Breakfast	On Martin Luther King Jr. Day there will be a pancake breakfast in Helena in the fellowship hall at Saint Peter's Cathedral. This event will be a free-will donation in which all proceeds will go to Helena Food Share. This is part of the Statewide food drive involving community collections of nutritious breakfast items which will be donated to local food pantries across the state.			Helena	Jared Schmidt, PRC VISTA Leader JSchmidt3@mt.gov 406.444.9655	1/16/2012	8am to 11am

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SAVE Foundation	Plastic Recycling	S.A.V.E. will be hosting another plastics drive at 1100 N Last Chance Gulch (behind the YMCA, in the parking lot) from 1/13 to 1/16. We'll be open for operation from 8A.M. - 6P.M. all four days. S.A.V.E. accepts type one and type 2 plastics, click here for detailed examples and instructions for how to be prepared. S.A.V.E. will also accept Christmas lights at the drive. We ask that you remove the bulbs to help save time processing the lights for our electronic waste recycling partners.	Behind the YMCA	1100 N Last Chance Gulch	Helena	Eric Walliman, AmeriCorps VISTA 449.6008	1/13-1/16	
Campus Corps, Flathead Valley Community College	Free Cooking Class	In collaboration with the Culinary Arts Program at FVCC, Campus Corps members have helped organize a free cooking class intended for community members currently receiving SNAP and Food Bank Benefits. The class will offer creative ways to stretch one's dollar in order to provide nutritious non processed meals for their family.	FVCC Campus	777 Grandview Drive	Kalispell	Carson Booth campuscorps@fvcc.edu	1/16/2012	
Campus Compact	MLK Read For Peace	MLK Read For Peace places volunteers in Missoula County Public Schools elementary classrooms to spread the word about the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. All public schools are closed to observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, but the civil rights leader's message is not a required part of the elementary curriculum. MLK Read For Peace – an MLK Day of Service event – provides volunteers to read an age-appropriate book about Dr. King to kindergarten through third-grade students in Missoula's public schools. The students are then given a poem or drawing to complete over the long weekend. These activities are displayed for one month in the Missoula Public Library downtown branch.	all Missoula County Elementary Schools: 9 schools total (Chief Charlo, Cold Springs, Franklin, Hawthorne, Lewis and Clark, Lowell, Paxson,		Missoula	Bess Pallares, MCPS Partners in Education VISTA bpallares@mcps.k12.mt.us 406.728.2400 ext 1095	1/13/2012	8:30am-3:30pm
Campus Corps, Office of Civic Engagement	Clothing Drive to benefit Project Homeless Connect	NCBI will be hosting a MLK Day rally and parade, including speakers and live music. During the rally, representatives from the Missoula AIDS Council and the Office for Civic Engagement will be collecting clothes to benefit Project Homeless Connect. PHC is a one day event that provides showers, food, legal advice, id help and other aide to the homeless population of Missoula. The clothes donated at the MLK rally will go to the Missoula AIDS Council, who is sponsoring the clothing portion of PHC.	Missoula, MLK Day Rally		Missoula	Shanna Ungate shanna.ungate@mso.umt.edu 243.5531	1/16/2012	10am - 2pm
Missoula Aging Services	Project Homeless Connect 2012	Project Homeless Connect is a national initiative aimed at connecting the homeless with core services during a one-day, one-stop service event. The goal of this event is to improve services and housing for people experiencing homelessness in Missoula. Project Homeless Connect is a collaborative effort between service providers, local businesses, nonprofits, and volunteers that will help homeless individuals and families gain access to over 60 services in one day. Volunteers can register to help in the following areas: Host/Guide; Food Service; Clothing distribution; Service area attendant; Greeter.	First United Methodist Church, 300 E. Main St. Missoula, MT	300 E. Main St.	Missoula	Missoula Aging Services mhill@missoulaagingser vices.org 406.728.7682	1/26/2012	10 am- 3 pm

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Missoula Aging Services	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration	All events will be facilitated through the National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI) Day of Service 9:00 am – 3:00 pm - Service Opportunities will be held throughout the day; Rally at Caras Park 5:00 pm – Topic TBA; Community Celebration at First United Methodist Church 6:00 (300 East Main Street) – Keynote Address TBA	Multiple locations		Missoula	Missoula Aging Services mhill@missoulaagingser vices.org 406.728.7682	1/16/2012	
Salish Kootenai College	MLK Day Diversity Fair	This 3 day long event will focus on the theme of passive resistance. Elementary school students are invited to the fair which hosts tables with different activities. I will personally be providing a table surrounding food sovereignty and how it influences diverse populations.	Salish Kootenai College		Pablo	Co Carew co_carew@skc.edu	Jan 17-19	11am on the 17th to 3pm on the 19th
Campus Corps, Fort Peck Community College	Read for Peace	Read for Peace: On January 17th, the Campus Corps program at FPCC will host a two part read for peace event intended to educate student's of Dr. King's legacy and will involve community members and parents in the process. There will be an afternoon reading project that will take place at the Ft. Peck Library, led by volunteers and aimed at pre-school aged head start children. This will be followed by an evening read-a-thon at Poplar Elementary Schools, during which teachers, volunteers and families will come together to enjoy a meal, read to the children, and work on art and written projects focusing on the theme of diversity	Poplar Public Library and Poplar Elementary		Poplar	Katie Wise kwise@fpcc.edu	1/17/2012	
Richland County Health Dept.	MLK Day Carnival	The Richland County VISTA's are working with the Richland County RSVP Program and the Richland County Boys and Girls Club to hold a carnival for local children and their families on the Martin Luther King Day of Service. The event will include a hot meal, carnival games, a Veteran's service project, as well as an information booth for volunteer opportunities for families and local service listings for families new to the area.	Boys and Girls Club of Richland County	200 3 rd Ave SE	Sidney	Idelle Badt ibadt@richland.org (406) 433-2207	1/16/2012	3:30pm – 7:00pm
RSVP Billings	Welcome Home: Veteran's Past and Present	Eastern Montana RSVP's (Billings, Miles City, Glendive and Sidney) and VISTA's (Food Corps/Forsyth) will be working together. Banners will be made welcoming our soldiers home. Banners will be signed at various locations throughout Eastern Montana and then hung in area airports and/or VFW's.	Sidney, Glendive, Miles City, Forsyth, and Billings MT		Sidney, Glendive, Miles City, Forsyth, and Billings MT	Idelle Badt, Patty Atwell, Pam makara, Betty Vail	1/10/12 - 2/1/12	
Prevention Resource Center	Wake Up Montana! Healthy Breakfast Food Drive	The Statewide food drive will involve community collections of nutritious breakfast items which will be donated to local food pantries across the state. On Martin Luther King Jr. Day there will be a pancake breakfast in Helena in the fellowship hall at Saint Peter's Cathedral. This event will be a free-will donation in which all proceeds will go to Helena Food Share.	Statewide		Statewide	Jared Schmidt, PRC VISTA Leader JSchmidt3@mt.gov 406.444.9655	1/3/12-1/16/12	

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Justice for Montanans Project	Montana Free File Outreach	AmeriCorps members with the <i>Justice for Montanans Project</i> and Montana Legal Services are traveling to MLK events across the state to promote the Montana Free File program.	Statewide		Statewide	Clair Bopp 406-543-8343	1/16-1/26	