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Montana AmeriCorps Honor Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the National Day of Service

January 17, 2022, marks the 27th celebration of the MLK National Day of Service Since Congress charged AmeriCorps with leading the effort.

MONTANA – This Martin Luther King Jr. Day, AmeriCorps members across Montana will put the core American principles of citizenship and service into action on the National Day of Service in honor of Rev. Dr. King’s legacy. The Governor’s Office of Community Service invites all Montanans to join in making the MLK Day of Service a day on – not a day off. As Rev. Dr. King said: “Everybody can be great because everybody can serve.”

AmeriCorps Seniors and Rocky Mountain Development Council will be hosting a “Building the Beloved Community” Open House in Helena, where they will host the Magpie Singers and the Helena Afghan Refugee Resettlement Team. The community is invited to come take part in a collaborative art project and refreshments.

- **Beloved Community Open House: Thursday, January 13th, 4:00pm at 200 S Cruse Ave, Helena, MT 59601**

Montana Campus Compact will continue the tradition of leading Read for Peace for the Day of Service. Throughout this week and next, Montana Campus Compact AmeriCorps members will join classrooms across Montana to read books and guide students in reflections on peace and justice.

AmeriCorps members with Montana Public Health Corps will honor Rev. Dr. King in a variety of efforts. At Central Elementary school in Sidney, members will assist students in creating “busy bags” for children to use while in treatment or waiting at doctor’s offices. A virtual option for Montanans includes posting your favorite quote by King and explaining why it inspires you, making sure to use the hashtags #MLKDay and #MLKinspiresMT.

Coretta Scott King called on us to use this holiday as “a day of reflection, a day of teaching nonviolent philosophy and strategy, a day of getting involved in nonviolent action for social and economic progress.” There are many ways Montanans can recommit themselves as citizens in service to one another. Project ideas include donating clothing, books, and toiletries to your local shelters, cleaning up a community park or local trail, writing thank you cards for local frontline workers at hospitals and grocery stores, or even shoveling a neighbor’s driveway. The opportunities are endless.

For more information, visit mlkday.gov.

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