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Volunteer Opportunities Available for MLK Day 2009 *Service Projects Planned Throughout Virginia for Jan. 19th*

Richmond, Va. – Faith-based and community organizations are planning service projects and events to honor the Jan. 19 Martin Luther King Jr. holiday across the Commonwealth. MLK Day has been recognized by the federal government as not just a day off from work set aside to honor Dr. King, but a national day of volunteer service. In Virginia, service projects are planned to assist educational organizations and schools, environment causes, children's issues, mentoring programs, financial advisory services and more.

“Many of us have the MLK Day holiday off, so it’s the perfect opportunity to reach out to our community,” said Nikki Nicholau, director, Virginia Department of Social Services’ Office on Volunteerism and Community Service. “In addition to the many service projects planned specifically for MLK Day, there are hundreds of volunteer opportunities for families and individuals in virtually every corner of the state.”

Virginia MLK Day Resources

- View a complete list of service projects planned for [MLK Day in Virginia](#).
- Locate a service project in your community using the [Virginia Service Map](#).

Additional Resources

- Visit the [official MLK Day Web site](#) for additional events, videos, tools, and more.
- Spread the word with [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Flickr](#) and [YouTube](#).
- Register your event on the [2009 Inaugural Event Web site](#).

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Editor's Note: For more information on national and community service programs in Virginia, visit www.vaservice.org. To arrange interviews, contact Carla Harris at (804) 726-7107.