Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day of Service

January 18, 2015
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January 23, 2015
What is MLK Day of Service?

- In 1994, Congress designated the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday as a national day of service.
- Every year on the third Monday in January, MLK day is observed as a national day of service – a "day on, not a day off."
- The MLK Day of Service is a part of the United We Serve, the President's national call to service initiative.
- It calls for Americans from all walks of life to work together to provide solutions to our most pressing national problems.
Why Serve on MLK Day of Service?

- A way to transform Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s life and teachings into community action that helps solve social problems.
- That service may meet a tangible need, or it may meet a need of the spirit.
- On this day, Americans of every age and background celebrate Dr. King through service projects.
  - Strengthen communities
  - Empower individuals
  - Bridge barriers
  - Create solutions.
How can I serve on MLK Day?

- Serving meals at a homeless shelter
- Tutoring kids
- Tutoring adults
  - English-as-a-second-language
  - GED students
- Assisting in disaster area
- Working at a food pantry
- Sorting clothing at a Free Store
Organizations that are sponsoring opportunities for MLK Day of Service

• **A Just Harvest**
  - Serving dinner

• **Casa Central**
  - Children & youth
  - Elderly services
  - Family services

• **Chicago Children’s Museum**
  - 8–12 volunteers for 3 hours. CLOSED.

• **Cornerstone Community Outreach**
  - Hosting group of volunteers

• **DuPage Children’s Museum**
  - Up to 15 people
    - Morning or afternoon for 2-3 hours
    - Material prep or work w/children

• **National Runaway Safeline**
  - Maximum 25 volunteers

• **New Moms, Inc.**
  - Hosting group of volunteers
As of now, nothing scheduled for MLK Day of Service but spots available to serve dinner.

For more information:
http://www.ajustharvest.org
Casa Central
1343 N. California Ave.
Chicago, IL 60622.

Our Mission
Casa Central transforms lives and strengthens communities with a special focus on Hispanics. Our network of services propels a diverse population of all ages toward self-sufficiency and a higher quality of life.

For more information:
www.casacentral.org

Volunteer Opportunities
• Children & Youth Services
  • Early Learning Academy (2-5 yr olds)
    • 9 am-12pm/3pm-6pm
  • After School Programs (5-12 yr olds)
    • School Age Program
      • 3:30pm-6pm
    • La Posada After School Program
      • 3pm-5pm
  • Youth Opportunities Unlimited Program (Y.O.U) (14-18 yr olds)
    • 4pm-8pm
    • Wednesday Night Tutoring
      • 6pm-8pm

• Elderly Services
  • Adult Wellness Center
    • 9:30am-3pm

• Family Services
  • La Posada, Interim Housing Program for Homeless Families

All programs, unless otherwise indicated, are open from 9am-5pm Monday-Friday.
Located at Navy Pier
700 East Grand Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611-3428

Looking for 8 -12 volunteers for 3 hours on January 18th

Benefits of Volunteering:
- Invitations to volunteer events
- Invitations to training and development opportunities
- Opportunity to fulfill service learning hours
- Opportunity to meet new people
- Free admission to museum and additional discounts for parking, museum gift shop, and select Navy Pier vendors.

Volunteer Requirements:
- Age 16 or older
- Willing to commit to the required time commitment of two shifts per month for at least three months
- Friendly and enthusiastic
- Reliable and flexible
- Consent to a background check (if under 19, no background check is required but applicant must have guardian’s consent)
- Attend a volunteer orientation
- Check out the graphic on the right to see what kind of volunteering might be best for you!

For more information:
http://www.chicagochildrensmuseum.org/index.php/about/volunteering

No longer accepting volunteers!!!
Cornerstone Community Outreach
4628 North Clifton Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60640

Food Bags
CCO’s food bag program has helped to feed the hungry in Uptown for over 20 years. Attendees are able to shop through hundreds of food items and choose what they need. On average 200 food bags are distributed weekly.

Free Store
The Free Store allows our shelter residents and low-income neighbors to shop for essential clothing and household items. Many of our neighbors come to us with very little clothing for themselves and their children. The Free Store strives to meet their needs through donations we receive from our supporters. Our Free Store had over 2,600 “shoppers” throughout 2012.

Dinner Guest Program
CCO’s Dinner Guest Program serves a free nutritious meal to 100-150 of our low-income neighbors every Saturday. The Dinner Guest Program not only serves meals but also provides a place for our neighbors in need to connect, fellowship and creating community together.

In 2013, hundreds of hardworking volunteer groups spent over 30,000 hours serving at CCO.

Volunteers are the backbone of service at CCO. Work opportunities abound. Painting projects, organizing our Free Store, serving meals, distributing groceries, are just a few of the ways volunteers bless CCO.

If you are interested in volunteering at Cornerstone Community Outreach please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, at volunteers@ccolife.org.

For more information:
http://www.ccolife.org
Volunteers needed on MLK Day 1/18/16:

- Up to 15 people
  - For 2-3 hours in AM or PM
- Projects offered
  - Volunteering with staff in the exhibits playing with the children that come to visit, and
  - Materials prep for classes or special events. The materials prep can include: cutting paper, mailings, putting together packets, inventory etc..

For more information:
http://dupagechildrens.org/support-dcm/volunteer/
Looking for maximum of 25 volunteers for January 18th

For more information:
http://www.1800runaway.org
To get involved with a one day opportunity for MLK Day of Service, click on this link:
http://goo.gl/forms/ijA1vkMa9u

After you sign up, we will contact you when the date gets closer as a reminder.