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Snohomish County High School & College Students: Take MLK as a day “on” not a day “off”

(Everett, WA) – On January 16, local students in Snohomish County will celebrate the life of Martin Luther King Jr. not by taking a day off from school, but by making it a day “on,” volunteering throughout the community.

During this day of service, approximately 250 students will choose from different hands-on volunteer projects throughout Snohomish County. Nearby projects range from helping seniors in their homes, to sorting donations for low income families, to parks and animal center restorations. Student volunteer teams will be led by Senior Corps-RSVP and other adult volunteers.

Marking its eighth year in Snohomish County, the MLK Day of Service brings high school students and community volunteers together to serve the most vulnerable members of our community, transforming Dr. King’s life mission and teachings into community service.

“High school students are inspired by Dr. King’s lessons of compassion and community-building,” said Dennis G. Smith, president and CEO of United Way of Snohomish County. “This national day of service provides a way to put those ideals into action.”

Organizations like school clubs, athletic teams, and friends who want to volunteer together are highly encouraged to register as a group. Volunteers can also register individually.

More details and registration information is online at www.uwsc.org/mlkday. For Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook users, the hashtag for the event is #mlkdaysnoco.

The MLK Day of Service in Snohomish County is a partnership of United Way of Snohomish County, Catholic Community Services, Senior Corps-RSVP, and the YMCA of Snohomish County.

HOW TO VOLUNTEER

Volunteers must sign up by Friday, Jan. 13 to participate. If you’re a student aged 14-24, register online at www.uwsc.org/mlkday, contact United Way’s Volunteer Center at 425.374.5530 or vunteer@uwsc.org. Volunteer slots for specific projects are on a space-available basis, so sign up soon!

Adult volunteers needed for this event! Sign up to volunteer with groups of teens by being the volunteer group lead. Contact Paulette Jacobson with Senior Corps-RSVP at 425.374.6311, paulettej@ccsww.org or John McAlpine at 425-374-6374, johnm@ccsww.org to sign up.

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United Way is committed to breaking the cycle of poverty in Snohomish County. United Way works with partners to improve education outcomes, reduce the number of struggling households, and ensure basic needs are met.

To find out more about United Way of Snohomish County, including how to give or volunteer and how United Way serves our community, visit their website at www.uwsc.org.