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Students Make Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service a Day “On”

(Everett, Wash.) -- On January 16, over 170 teens chose to make this year’s Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service a day “on” rather than a day “off.”

Marking its eighth year, the service event featured 14 projects throughout Snohomish County. Projects ranged from planting trees and park clean ups, to assisting food banks and senior centers.

And it’s not just the county’s teens getting in on the fun. This year, nearly 30 adults also volunteered and led groups of students. “I think it is really important for teens to give back to the community,” said Lisa Syravong, the membership and volunteer coordinator at the Snohomish Sound Salmon Solutions. “It gives them an opportunity to give back, to understand what is happening in the community, and to see what projects are out there.”

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

For details on the event, including feeds from Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, visit <http://www.uwsc.org/mlkday>.

This year’s projects included:

- Painting and organizing the Mountlake Terrace Senior Center
- Spreading mulch on park trails at Jennings Park
- Helping clients shop and sorting food donations at Marysville Food Bank
- Helping Forterra plant trees in the South Everett Forest Preserve and Thornton A Sullivan Park in Everett
- Helping clean up Christmas decorations at Quilceda Community Services in Arlington
- Organizing school supplies with Sister Schools in Mukilteo to send to Uganda
- Planting native tree species for the Sound Salmon Solutions in Lake Stevens
- Helping seniors at the Snohomish Senior Center and East County Senior Center
- Helping Take the Next Step clean up litter around Monroe
- Cleaning apartments for low-income seniors and creating event invitations for Work Opportunities in Everett

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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.

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