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National challenges addressed on MLK Day

Fighting poverty, renewing communities and economic empowerment are the focus of projects across the U.S. on MLK Day 2010 - National Day of Service

Upcoming Events

Save the date for City Year Cleveland's Annual Luncheon on May 14. For more information please contact Brenda Ridenour at bridenour@cityyear.org or 216-373-3414.



Martin Luther King, Jr.

Day of Service

January 18, 2010

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City Year Cleveland by the numbers*

230 - Cleveland students currently being tutored on a weekly basis by City Year corps members.

249 - Cleveland students enrolled in Monday through Thursday City Year after school programs.

140 - Cleveland students tutored at least once a week by business volunteers.

*As of January, 2010, City Year Cleveland's Collinwood High School tutoring project has resulted in 28 juniors and seniors passing all five portions of the Ohio Graduation Test. These 28 have earned the primary credential needed for high school graduation. This number is sure to grow as we have three months to work with dozens more on the target list. Thank you Collinwood teachers and CMSD administrators for the support and collaboration.

Shout Outs

This month we would especially like to thank...

... the employees of CSX Corp., GE, Frito-Lay, American Greetings and the Cleveland Cavaliers for volunteering with us on January 18, MLK Day.

In more than 10,000 projects that took place across the nation on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, Americans furthered Dr. King's work by addressing the challenges facing many Americans and communities, from hunger and homelessness to poverty and education.

"This year, we're seeing more projects focused on helping those suffering during these tough economic times," said Nicola Goren, Acting CEO, the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency charged with leading the MLK Day of Service. "By serving on King Day, hundreds of thousands of Americans will make real and lasting impacts on the lives of people in need in their communities."

The breadth and scope of the MLK Day projects are in keeping with Dr. King's efforts to "outlaw poverty," a task on which he increasingly focused after the passage of the Civil Rights and National Voting Rights Acts in 1964. Over the course of his life, Dr. King challenged and mobilized our nation toward his dream of a "Beloved Community," a truly interracial democracy that afforded everyone the opportunity to achieve the American dream.

More than forty years after his death, America still confronts many of the same problems Dr. King faced in his time -- poverty, hunger, illiteracy, youth violence, and a dropout crisis. Organizations across the country use the King Day of Service to engage volunteers in addressing these challenges, both on the holiday and as part of an ongoing commitment throughout the year.

Visit MLKDay.gov for more information about service projects that took place across the U.S.

Learn more about the connection between [Dr. King](#) and community service.

[City Year celebrates MLK Day as a day "on" across 19 sites.](#)

City Year Cleveland MLK Day projects

Six projects across Cleveland served students, schools, families in crisis and persons who are terminally ill

More than 240 volunteers participated in City Year led service projects across Cleveland on January 18. We were proud to partner with The Urban League of Greater Cleveland to accomplish activities at Collinwood High School. We also thank our other five service partners - Abington Arms, Lakeside Men's Shelter, Malachi House, the May Dugan Center and New Life Community - for allowing us to come in and, hopefully, make a difference.

- [Press coverage of MLK Day 2010 events](#)
- [City Year Cleveland MLK Day 2010 press release](#)



Four Cleveland Cavaliers joined more than 100 others to paint at [Collinwood High School](#).



Volunteers at [Abington Arms](#) socialized and performed various chores.



The [Lakeside Men's Shelter](#) welcomed volunteers to serve lunch, paint and perform other cleaning chores.



Corps members restocked food shelves and socialized with the residents of [Malachi House](#).



Volunteers add a fresh coat of paint at the [May Dugan Center](#).



In addition to directing an MLK themed fair for children, volunteers at [New Life Community](#) cleaned and painted hallways.

Enjoy and celebrate winter



The official website of the
Convention and Visitors Bureau of Greater Cleveland

Do the winter doldrums have you down? Well, our friends at Positively Cleveland compiled a great list of activities and events to enjoy during the coming weeks.

- [Indoor and Outdoor Winter Adventures](#) compiled by [Positively Cleveland](#)

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Visit [City Year Cleveland's eNewsletter library](#) to see past editions and learn about our strategy for working with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District to convert off-track students into on-track learners.

City Year unites young people of all backgrounds for a year of full-time service, giving them the skills and opportunities to change the world. As tutors, mentors, and role models, these young leaders make a difference in the lives of children and transform schools and neighborhoods across the United States and in South Africa.

Founded in Boston in 1988, City Year has established programs in Boston; Chicago; Cleveland; Columbia, SC; Columbus; Detroit; Little Rock/North Little Rock; Los Angeles; Louisiana; Miami; New Hampshire; New York; Greater Philadelphia; Rhode Island; San Antonio; San Jose/Silicon Valley; Seattle/King County; South Africa and Washington, D.C. City Year is a proud member of AmeriCorps.

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