

2017 Kentucky MLK Day of Service Project Data

- **665** AmeriCorps, Senior Corps and VISTA members
- **150** service projects across Kentucky
- **2,656** hours of national service
- **1,417** community volunteers recruited
- **5,048** hours of volunteer service
- **19** collaborative projects with AmeriCorps State and AmeriCorps VISTA programs

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

- 210 meals prepared and served, 15 senior residents visited
- MLK quote cards given during visit to 13 children at local daycare center and to 109 nursing home residents
- 50 hygiene packs, 3 bags clothing, 2 boxes of hats and gloves, and 6 cases of food delivered to local homeless shelter
- 20 shoeboxes with personal hygiene and other items given to children at a local crisis center
- Assembled weekend food packages for children in need, blessing bags for homeless, 5 “Move Out” packs (includes pot and pans set, full-size air mattress, broom and dustpan kit and large bath towels).
- Raised an approximately \$900 in donations for an overnight homeless shelter, specifically for women and children's
- Served a meal to 85 individuals at a community kitchen
- 78 pairs of shoes collected and donated to WaterStep
- 275 “Sock, Sandwich in a Sack (SSS)” and cookies given to local homeless population
- Sorting and organizing items at a local free clothing warehouse
- 81 bagged lunches provided to individuals staying at a local homeless shelter
- 150 sandwiches made at homeless shelter
- 576 cans of food collected for local food pantries
- Visits to 100 businesses in the five-county service area to promote health and human services help line and online database that will connect community members and providers in a more efficient manner.
- Distributed materials for VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Preparation) sites and the FamilyWize prescription card program.
- Supply drive collected 23 food items, 210 toys, 10 packs of diapers, 5 teething, 7 bottles, 6 pairs of infant clothes, 35 packs of pens and pencils, 3 blankets, 1 toboggan, 4 jackets

VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES

- Students made a total of 4,308 Valentine's Day cards for active duty military and veterans
- Blessing bags assembled to be distributed to homeless veterans during point in time count (300 tooth brushes, 100 deodorant, 500 shampoo/conditioner, 200 socks, 150 hand warmers, 300 water bottles, 200 hat/gloves, 500 soap, 200 chapstick/hand sanitizer)
- Honored 51 veterans and 25 seniors for service; 100 meals and prizes distributed
- 28 letters written to soldiers

DISASTER SERVICES

- 15 smoke detectors installed, new batteries for existing fire alarms provided, helped community members create disaster preparedness plans, and provided educational information about house fires and other hazards that exist in homes.
- Installing insulation and underpinning in order to make a mobile home habitable for a woman who had lost everything in a flood.
- Removed debris from a house that had been infested and vacant for a while; cleaned walls and floors.
- Children made thank you cards for local fire fighters and police officers. Cards were delivered in-person with cookies.
- 160 blankets collected for those in need in our community

EDUCATION

- 500 students participated in an interactive kindness campaign and recognition project to raise awareness of peace, kindness and service in the way that Dr. King did and then engage in community service at their site.
- Conducted six separate activities to teach students about different STEM-related concepts
- Blessing bags and lunch provide to 7 individuals at long-term permanent community residence for people with HIV/AIDS
- 86 handmade encouragement cards made for high school students preparing for college
- 130 coats collected for students in need
- 100 book bags assembled
- Countless bulletin boards, "I have a Dream" speech discussions, lesson plans and other MLK activities at schools across the state

HEALTHY FUTURES

- Purchased supplies to furnish 10 newly arrived refugees' homes and apartments. Each set included large and small trash cans; all-purpose cleaning spray, dish soap and laundry detergent; baking pan, saucepan, large frying pan, large pot, can opener, 3 mixing bowls, 10 cooking utensils and silverware; broom and mop; bed pillows and a clock radio; deodorant and sanitary pads; and trash bags
- Toys and small household items (i.e. microwaves, vacuum cleaners, etc.) were delivered to 13 refugee families
- 3 washers and 2 dryers were installed for refugee families.
- 3 blankets donated to a local nursing home during resident visit
- 17 dogs and puppies driven to meet rescue group.
- 100 hygiene bags assembled
- 73 meals served to community members
- 350 winter hats, 350 pairs of gloves, 350 coats and 350 books distributed to families in need.