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Arlington Residents Spend MLK Day Serving the Community with Volunteer Arlington

Arlington, VA - Volunteer Arlington, a program of Leadership Center for Excellence, held its first MLK Day of Service on Monday, January 15 from 8:30am until 12:00pm, as part of Corporation of National and Community Service's MLK Day of Service.

Almost 700 registered attendees convened at the Arlington Career Center on Monday morning to hear Dr. Matt Shank, President of Marymount University, speak about the importance of taking "A Day On, Not a Day Off" and serving the community on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Participants also has the option to participate in a Community Progress Makers Data Walk, facilitated by Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH.)



"One of Leadership Center for Excellence's core values is community building," said Leonard Hamlin, Senior Pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, member of the Leadership Center for Excellence Board of Regents and member of the Volunteer Arlington Advisory Council. "MLK Day of Service wonderfully executed that value by bringing together hundreds of community members to strengthen and empower our community. As we celebrate our 20th anniversary this year, we are proud to have taken this 'day on' to help build community in honor of Dr. King's legacy through volunteerism and service to our local community."



After the morning program, participants traveled to their service project or volunteer training assignment for the day. The volunteer opportunities were hosted by Volunteer Arlington's local nonprofit partners, including Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC), Arlington Civitans, Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment, ASPIRE! Afterschool Learning, Bridges to Independence, Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization, Culpepper Garden and Just Neighbors.

Alliance for Housing Solutions, Arlington Free Clinic, APAH, ASPIRE! Afterschool Learning and Community Progress Makers Advocacy Training provided opportunities for volunteers interested in more long-term commitments to receive specialized training.

This event represented all ages of residents across Arlington and the surrounding area. Through volunteering and service towards others, all participants worked together to move closer to Dr King's vision of a "Beloved Community."

To view more photos from the event, please visit our [Facebook page](#).

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