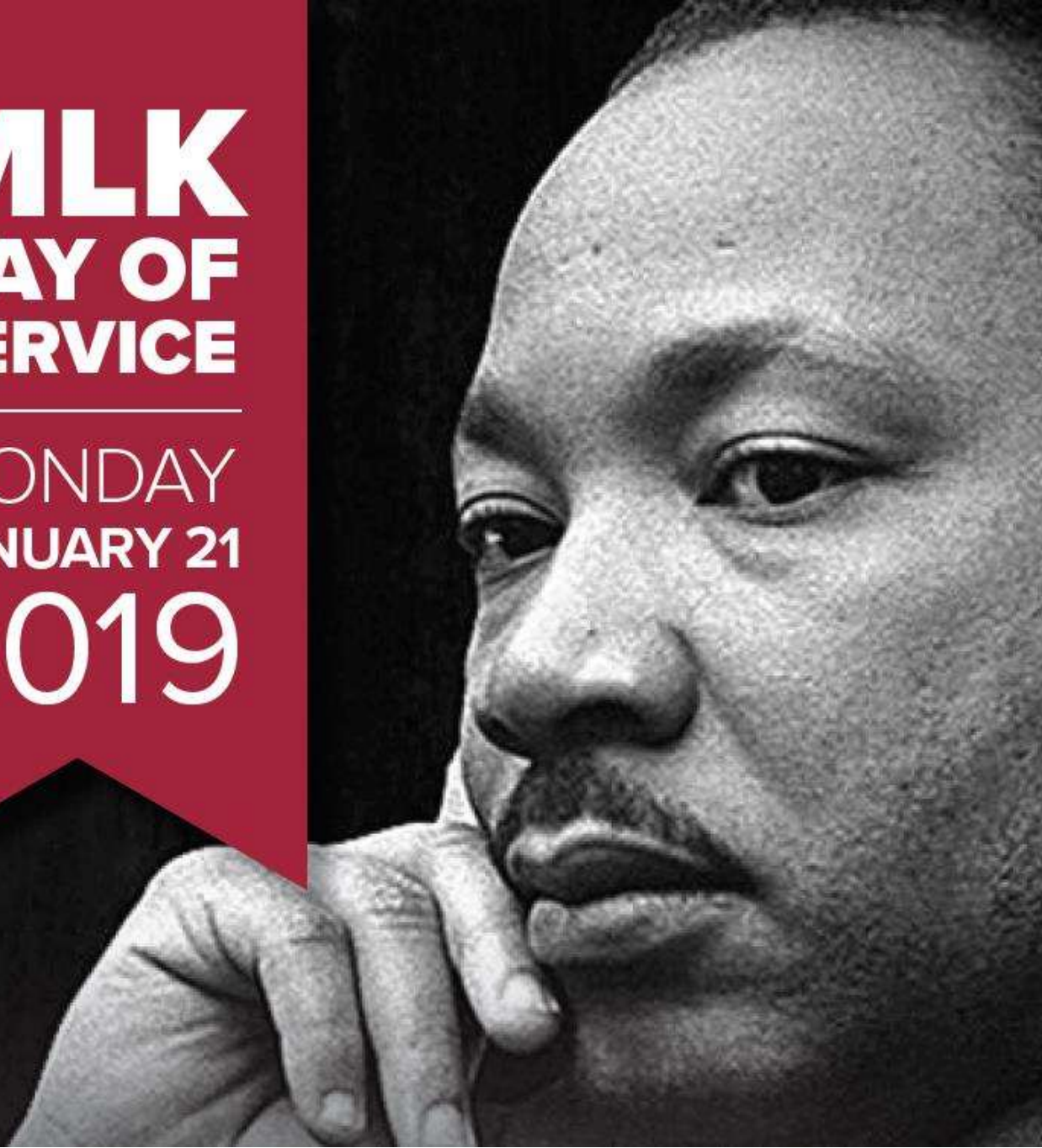


MLK DAY OF SERVICE

MONDAY
JANUARY 21
2019



2019 Final Report





EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter”

- Martin Luther King Jr.

The Montgomery County Volunteer Center (MCVC) hosted its annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. This year showcased a wide variety of service projects, a mix of new and crowd favorites including making fleece blankets and scarves, crafting well wishes cards, and packaging food boxes. Attendees had the opportunity to learn about causes and initiatives across the county at the Volunteer Fair and how to stay connected with and support the community at large.

The Day of Service events across the county attracted over **4,000 volunteers**, completing **108 service projects**. In addition, there were several hands-on activities including building functional robots and circuits, contributing to a community sculpture, and making your voice heard with “picket signs” stating what participants believe in and stand for.

In addition to the primary location at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, the Volunteer Center also promoted satellite events across the county hosted by:

- Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in Silver Spring
- Seneca Creek Community Church in Gaithersburg
- Bauer Drive Community Center hosted by the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Eta Pi Zeta Chapter in Rockville
- The Shaare Tefila Congregation hosted by MedStar Montgomery Medical Center and the Greater Olney Interfaith Clergy Association in Olney
- Journey’s Crossing Church in partnership with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Xi Sigma Omega Chapter in Germantown

EVENT SITES

Location: Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center
Host: Montgomery County Volunteer Center
When: 10 AM – 12 PM
What: Service Projects

2,086

Volunteers

36

Service Projects

Location: Seneca Creek Community Church
Hosts: Seneca Creek Community Church partnered with City of Gaithersburg
When: 9 – 11 AM
What: Service Projects

440

Volunteers

23

Service Projects

Location: Silver Spring Civic Building
Host: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Montgomery County Alumnae Chapter
When: 10 AM – 12 PM
What: Service Projects and Blood Drive

672

Volunteers

16

Service Projects

EVENT SITES

Location: Bauer Drive Community Center
Host: Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Eta Pi Zeta Chapter
When: 10 AM – 12 PM
What: Service Projects

160

Volunteers

10

Service Projects

Location: Shaare Tefila Congregation
Hosts: MedStar Montgomery Medical Center and Greater Olney Interfaith Clergy Association, coordinated by Leadership Montgomery CVC
When: 11 AM – 2 PM
What: Service Projects and Blood Drive

170

Volunteers

6

Service Projects

Location: Journey's Crossing Church
Hosts: Journey's Crossing Church partnered with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Xi Sigma Omega Chapter
When: 1 – 3 PM
What: Service Projects

315

Volunteers

17

Service Projects

OTHER EVENTS AROUND THE COUNTY

Montgomery Parks

Montgomery Parks conducted a number of projects across the weekend to beautify the County including:

Quantity	Service Activity/Location	Impact
3	Park and Stream Cleanups	50 volunteers 100 service hours 475 lbs. trash removed
3	Weed Warrior Workdays	16 volunteers 32 service hours
1	Locust Grove Nature Center	15 volunteers 60 service hours

Manna Food Center Food Drive



A Day of Service at Washington Hebrew Congregation and Bethesda Cares



Project Outcome Data



BETHESDA NORTH MARRIOTT CONFERENCE CENTER

North Bethesda

Agency and Service Project	Recipient	# Items Completed
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Theta Omega Omega Chapter Valentine's Day cards	Arcola Nursing Home	100
Bank of America, N.A. Create paracord bracelets	Operation Gratitude	250
Bank of America, N.A. Write letters	Operation Gratitude	189
Bethesda Big Train Decorate foam fingers	Children's Inn at NIH	110
Charles E. Smith Life Communities Decorate tissue boxes	Charles E. Smith Life Communities	75
CNSI Resource bags	MCC for the Homeless Men's Emergency Shelter	120
Community Ministries of Rockville Decorate certificate holders	CMR volunteers at Volunteer Appreciation Reception	100
EveryMind Every sense care packages	MCPS middle and high school students	800
Girls on the Run of Montgomery County Test markers and make lap counters	Girls on the Run of Montgomery County	120

BETHESDA NORTH MARRIOTT CONFERENCE CENTER

North Bethesda

Agency and Service Project	Recipient	# Items Completed
Holy Cross Home Care & Hospice Make warmers for hospice patients	Holy Cross Hospice	104
Islamic Community Center of Potomac Assemble personal care kits	Local area shelters	130
Manna Food Package food boxes	Soup kitchens, food pantries, and emergency shelters across Montgomery County	768
Meals on Wheels Package food bags	Seniors across Montgomery County	129
Montgomery County Commission on Children and Youth Assemble wellness bags	Youth in Montgomery County	200
Montgomery County DEP, Division of Solid Waste Services Create magazine coasters	Holiday Park Senior Center	30
Montgomery County Volunteer Center Make a friendship bracelet	Children's Inn at NIH	60
Montgomery County Volunteer Center Make a paper sack kite	Peppertree Children's Center	101
Montgomery County Volunteer Center Make a paper flower	Community Ministries of Rockville	115

BETHESDA NORTH MARRIOTT CONFERENCE CENTER

North Bethesda

Agency and Service Project	Recipient	# Items Completed
Montgomery County Volunteer Center Make a flip book	Peppertree Children's Center	85
Montgomery County Volunteer Center Write mini notes for Seniors and Homeless	Housing Opportunities Commission	229
Montgomery Hospice Create no-sew blankets and scarves	Montgomery Hospice	120 blankets 124 scarves
Only Make Believe Create costumes for kids	Children's Inn at NIH	111
Paper Bridges Write letters to children	Orphans across the world	250
People Helping People Foundation Roll diabetic and ankle socks	Veterans in DC, VA hospital and Fisher House	300
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., Tri Sigma Alumni Chapter Assemble toiletry bags	Homeless in DC	300
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Eta Iota Sigma Chapter Make NICU family care packages	NICU wards in Montgomery County	50
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Eta Theta Sigma Chapter Create stress balls	EveryMind and MCPS Counseling Services	325

BETHESDA NORTH MARRIOTT CONFERENCE CENTER

North Bethesda

Agency and Service Project	Recipient	# Items Completed
Small Things Matter Assemble totes of hope	Homeless in Montgomery County	75
The Holiday Project Write Valentine's Day cards	Residents in senior living homes	356
The Treatment and Learning Centers Assemble postcards for students	MCPS elementary students	22,000 bundles of 30 postcards
Warm Up America! Crochet blanket squares	Local social service agencies	50
Young Women of Society, Inc. Create mini tea light jars	Homeless shelters in Montgomery County	78
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Gamma Alpha Eta Zeta Chapter Make keychains and cards for breast cancer awareness	Shady Grove Adventist Aquilino Cancer Center patients	85 keychains 120 cards
Agency and Activity	# Participants	
Almond Robotics Make a robot and learn to teach others	50 students taught 100 kits distributed	
KID Museum Light Up the Future	150 circuits	
Menare Foundation 'What Do You Stand For?' Photo op	150	

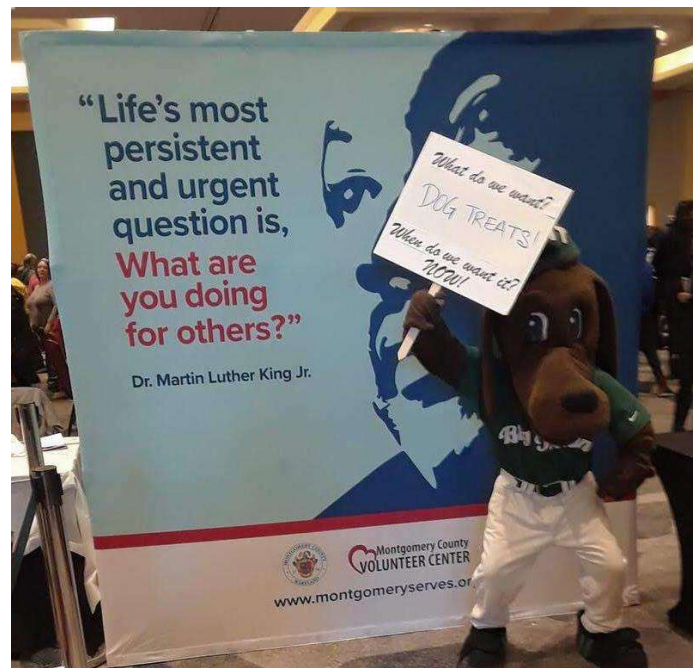
BETHESDA NORTH MARRIOTT CONFERENCE CENTER

Activity Spotlight:

What Will You Stand Up For?

Hosted by Menare Foundation

The Menare Foundation hosted a photo-based activity that asked attendees “What will you stand up for?” Some answers included freedom, civil rights, and education for all. Attendees wrote what they stood for on a picket sign and held that sign in front of a backdrop of Martin Luther King, Jr.



A live video feed displayed the setting on a projection screen in the front of the ballroom next to the DJ. Attendees were also free to take photos of themselves in front of the backdrop. This large display, made visible to the entire room with the projection screen, encouraged those who might otherwise not have seen the activity to participate. The activity saw great success, with over 150 participants and a line that exceeded the duration of the event.

BETHESDA NORTH MARRIOTT CONFERENCE CENTER

Activity Spotlight:

What Will You Stand Up For?

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BETHESDA NORTH MARRIOTT CONFERENCE CENTER

Favorite moment of the day

“My favorite moment was showing a mother and her 5 children how to make a no-sew blanket. The smile on their faces when they finished was priceless.”

- MLK Attendee



Favorite moment of the day

“Seeing young children involved and making a difference.”

- MLK Attendee



Favorite moment of the day

“Meeting the Hero Dogs and learning that one might be available for me.”

- MLK Attendee



BETHESDA NORTH MARRIOTT CONFERENCE CENTER



Favorite moment of the day

“There were a lot of potential volunteers interested in giving back to our community.”

- Caring Matters, Volunteer Fair

Favorite moment of the day

“My favorite moment was seeing one of our members working with a tiny child (who only spoke Korean) to make a tied scarf. It was neat seeing how they were communicating without words.”

- Small Things Matter, Service Project Host



Favorite moment of the day

“Speaking with other people passionate to make the world a better place.”

- Yachad, Volunteer Fair





SENECA CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH

Gaithersburg

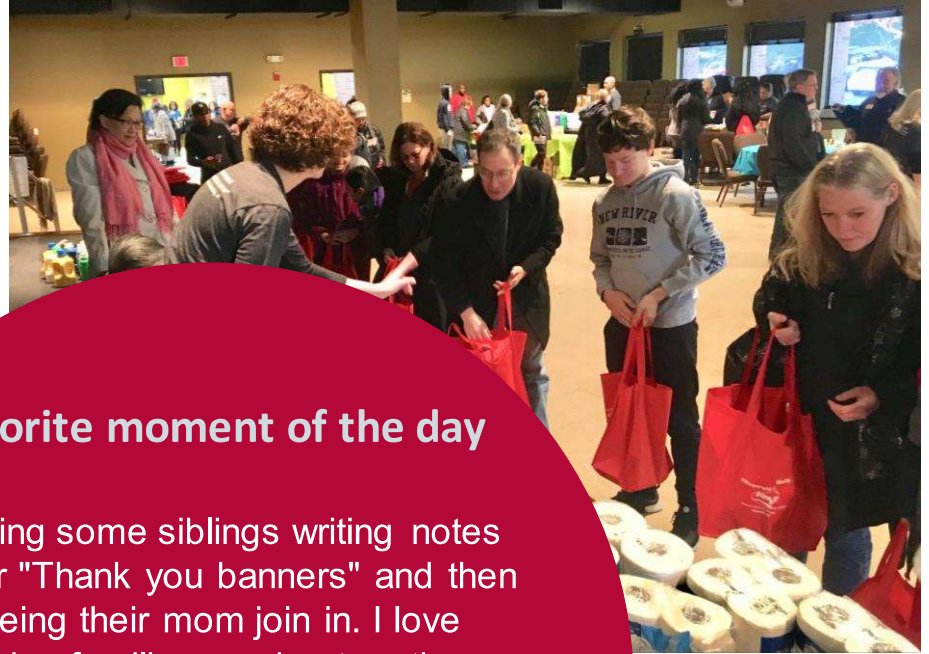
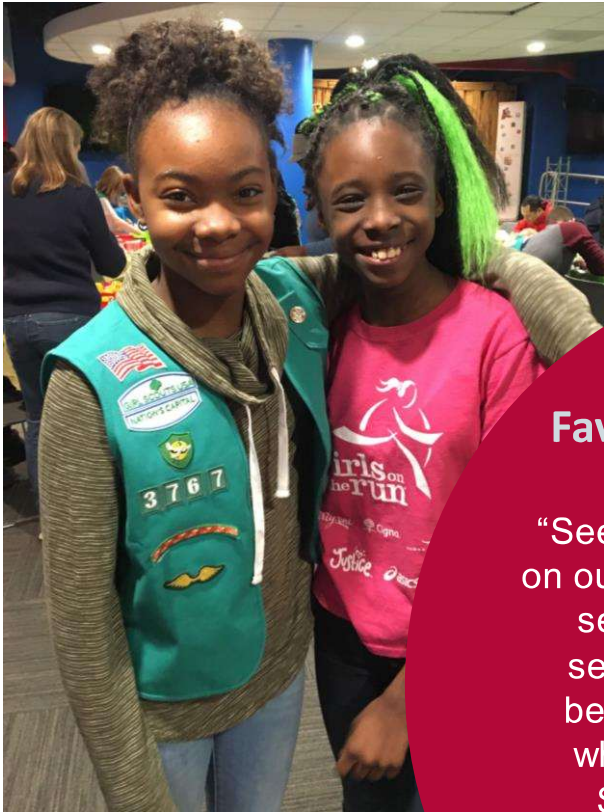
Service Project	# Items Completed
Toiletry kits for shelters	850
Police appreciation bags	450
Breakfasts to Gude Drive shelter	200
Lunches to Gude Drive shelter	200
Crafts for kids at Children's Inn at NIH	188
Catnip pouches	174
Dog bandanas	170
Plastic bottle toys for animal shelter	150
Cat treat rattles	132
Mug of Love meals in cups for Meals on Wheels	112
Placemats for Children's Inn at NIH	100
Paracord bracelets for the troops	92
Cards for Phil's Friends	80
Treats for Teachers for 1 elementary and 1 middle school	80



SENECA CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH Gaithersburg

Service Project	# Items Completed
Market Day Bags for A Wider Circle	75
Thank You cards for the troops	72
Blankets for Project Linus	37
Rope tugs for animal shelter	48
Cat wheels for animal shelter	44
Superhero capes for National Children's Medical Center Cardiac Care	25
Tennis ball tugs for animal shelter	24
Centerpieces composed of 100 party favors	22
Banners and homemade cookies to local fire stations	4

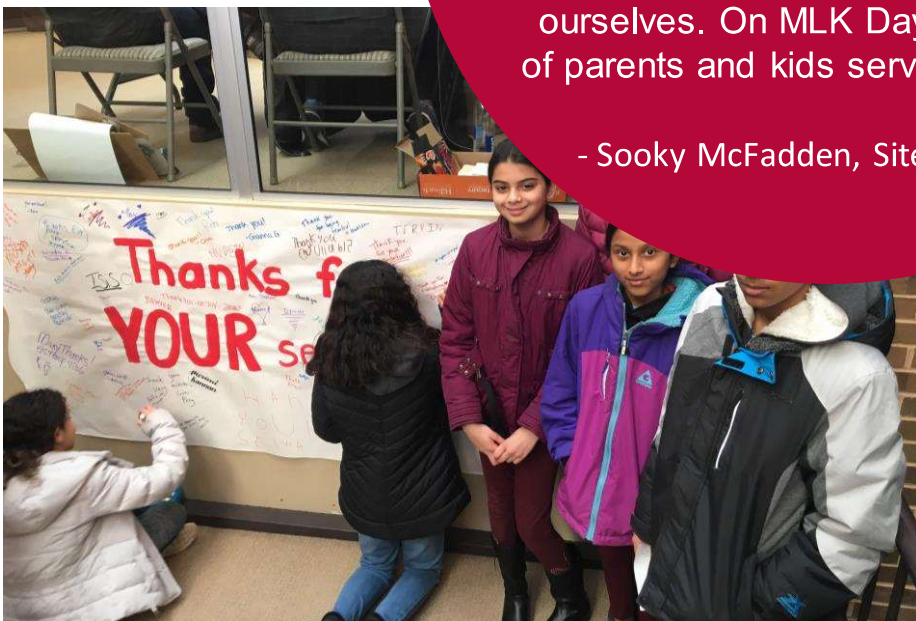
SENECA CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH Gaithersburg



Favorite moment of the day

“Seeing some siblings writing notes on our “Thank you banners” and then seeing their mom join in. I love seeing families serving together because we often TELL our kids what to do, but we don't always SHOW them by participating ourselves. On MLK Day, I saw a lot of parents and kids serving together.”

- Sooky McFadden, Site organizer



SILVER SPRING CIVIC BUILDING

Silver Spring

Agency and Service Project	Recipient	# Items Completed
Children's National Medical Center Drops for tots	Children's National Medical Center – children with sickle cell disease	39 donors seen 13 deferrals 26 units collected
African American Health Program AAHP health information class sign-up	General Public	28 sign-ups
So What Else Community tapestry	Interfaith Works	500 plaques decorated
Kelly Collaborative Medicine Treat boxes for nursing home residents	Crescent Cities Centers Nursing and Rehab	120
PBHS Electric Step Team and MCDAF Floral pens and bookmarks	Stepping Stone Mt. Calvary Homeless Shelter	300
Ebenezer Church of God Birthday cards for children	United Communities Against Poverty/Emergency Family Shelter	150
Region XI, BIG Letters to troops	Operation Gratitude	150
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Potomac Valley Alumnae Chapter Bags filled with school supplies	Tobytown and Scotland communities	300
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Mu Nu Chapter Transition care baskets for men	Carroll House Men Shelter in Silver Spring	50

SILVER SPRING CIVIC BUILDING

Silver Spring

Agency and Service Project	Recipient	# Items Completed
Region XI, BIG Valentine's Day cards for veterans	VA Medical Center	400
HOPE Worldwide, Mid-Atlantic Chapter Lap blankets for seniors	Fairland Nursing Home	29
MCAC-DST Emergency Response Committee, in partnership w/ MoCo Office of Emergency Management & Homeland Security Opiate overdose training presentation	General Public	54 attendees and Narcan kits distributed
Girls on the Run of MoCo Inspiration lap counters and safety pin bundles	Girls on the Run of Montgomery County	5,400
EdLyn Essentials Lunch bags for shelter	Martha's Table	200
United Christian Fellowship w/ Silver Spring Village T-T-T: Teens, Seniors, and Technology	United Communities Against Poverty/Emergency Family Shelter	24 seniors
Girl Scout Troop 1273 Thoughtful Treasures	NIH Children's Inn	56 Happiness Books, 52 bookmarks, 100 friendship bracelets

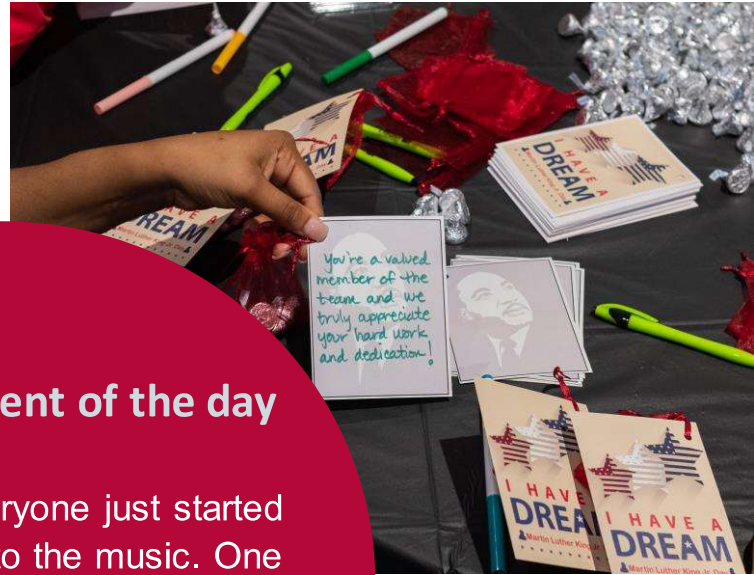
JOURNEY'S CROSSING CHURCH

Germantown

Service Project	Recipient	# Items Completed
Bracelets and letters	Students in Uganda	30
Dinner placemats	Children's Inn at NIH	37
Laundry basket cards	Interfaith women's shelter	60
Snack bags	Nurses at Walter Reed Hospital	150
Banners	Germantown Firehouses Germantown Police Station	3 1
Bags of candy and cards	Germantown Elementary School staff Seneca Valley High School staff Watkins Mill Elementary School staff	100 175 135
Notes of encouragement	Clarksburg Detention Center	400
Valentine's bags	Seneca Heights Apartment residents	110
Food collection	Germantown Help	Unknown
Rec room beautification	Jasmine-Elderly Day Center for Asian Adults	1 room
Fleece blankets	Men's and Women's Shelter in Rockville	70
Crochet squares	67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela Day project	20
Sock projects	Rockville homeless shelters	450
Dolls	Children's hospital	50

JOURNEY'S CROSSING CHURCH

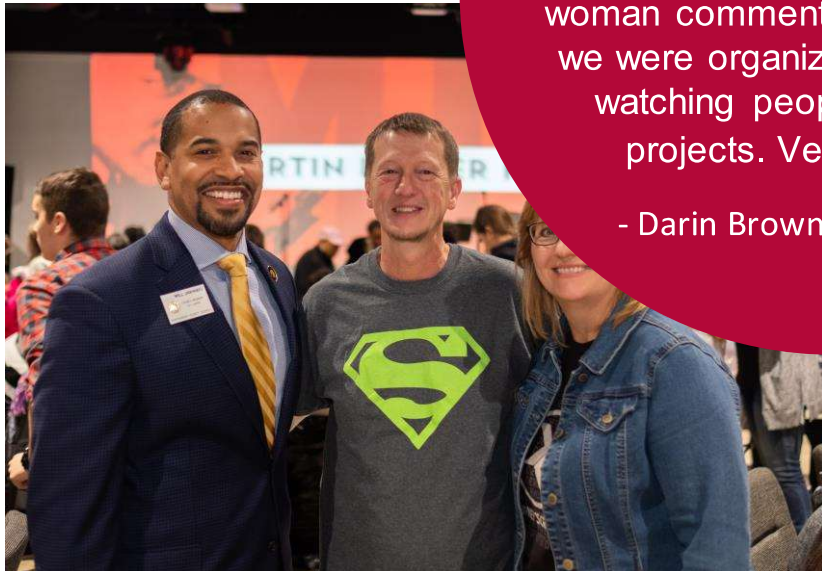
Germantown



Favorite moment of the day

“At one point everyone just started dancing with joy to the music. One woman commented about how well we were organized. I just enjoyed watching people doing all the projects. Very fun event.”

- Darin Brown, Site organizer





BAUER DRIVE COMMUNITY CENTER Rockville

Service Project	# Items Completed
Beanies for Babies	62
Children's Notes	60
Girls Care Packages	39
Greeting Cards for the Military	76
Gum Ball Machines	100
Milkweed Packets	20
Patch Quilt Letters	44
Reading Incentive Bracelets	350
Sensory Spinners	52
Valentine's Day Cards for Seniors	220

BAUER DRIVE COMMUNITY CENTER Rockville



Favorite moment of the day

“The overall experience was wonderful, and the volunteers were very excited with our projects. My Chapter Sorors are looking forward to partnering as site host again.”

- Sonji Owens, Site organizer





SHAARE TEFILA CONGREGATION Olney

Service Project	Recipient	# Items Completed
Clothing collection	Success in Style	40 bags
Blankets	Project Linus	42
Soup Kits	MCPS Head Start	120
Cards for seniors	Olney Home for Life	120
Book collections	Olney Help (children's books) FOLC Book Store (adult books)	10 boxes

Blood Drive	# People Signed Up to Donate	# People Eligible to Donate
Blood drive donation	25	21

SHAARE TEFILA CONGREGATION Olney



Favorite moment of the day

“About 1/2 hour after we had opened, all stations were full and the donations were coming in. Felt really good and successful.”

- Alison McLaughlin, Site organizer



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