



SCOTCH PLAINS/FANWOOD MLK DAY OF SERVICE 2010

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Dear Community Service Organization Representative:

As part of a volunteer-driven organization, you appreciate the value of reaching people who can help further your mission. The inaugural Scotch Plains-Fanwood Day of Service is designed to do just that – link willing volunteers with organizations that need their help. Won't you join us on Jan. 18, 2010, for this exciting event that honors Martin Luther King Jr.'s belief that "everybody can be great because everybody can serve"?

Individuals and groups alike are encouraged to plan an activity that is open to community members. The projects would fall into one of the following categories:

1. **One-shot help:** For ex., putting together a mailing or painting a room in a Habitat for Humanity house
2. **Training for ongoing service:** For ex., instructing people how to be a guest reader at school or answer telephones at a crisis hotline
3. **Educational program to get volunteers interested in your organization:** For ex., Mobile Meals explaining how lunches and dinners are made and delivered to shut-ins; Seeing Eye detailing what is involved in training a puppy
4. **Make-and-Take:** Painting a flower pot and planting a flower and delivering it to a local nursing home; decorating placemats for Mobile Meals clients
5. **Donation drop-off site:** A food bank, thrift shop, animal shelter, etc. could set up collection areas for requested items

Projects will be listed on a special website so prospective volunteers can search (and register, if desired) according to their availability or interest. Detailed instructions for posting projects on the website will be available closer to December.

Obviously we'll have quite a learning curve this first year, but together we should be able to accomplish much good for our community and each other. What better way to honor Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy than to make Jan. 18th a Day On, instead of a day off.

We hope you'll join us!

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HONOR THE DREAM. BE GREAT. VOLUNTEER.