

"WE SHALL OVERCOME BECAUSE THE ARC OF THE
MORAL UNIVERSE IS LONG, BUT IT BENDS TOWARD
JUSTICE. "

-MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



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AMERICORPS CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF MLK DAY THROUGH SERVICE



*Volunteers gathered to inform the city of Savannah about programs created
reduce poverty in honor of Dr. King's Legacy*

Savannah, Georgia — Hundreds of Savannah residents showed up to celebrate on the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday to honor the life and legacy of Dr. King. AmeriCorps VISTAs participated in the Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Parade bringing organizations, programs, and communities together while joining hundreds of thousands of Americans across the country in volunteer service.

Observed each year on the third Monday in January, Martin Luther King, Jr., Day is the only federal holiday designated as a National Day of Service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to honor the life and legacy of Dr. King, and to improve their communities. For 30 years, the MLK Day of Service has grown, and its impact has increased as more Americans embrace the idea that citizenship involves taking an active role in improving the communities where we live, work, and play. As we strive to fulfill Dr. King's dream of creating the Beloved Community, AmeriCorps remains committed to showing that joining together in service can unify Americans to transform communities through a fierce urgency of now.

Step Up Savannah is a local non-profit organization that works as the City of Savannah's poverty reduction initiative. They contribute to the community by introducing workforce development programs, providing access to public benefit advocacy, and expanding community collaboration to create economic opportunities and financial stability for those seeking a solution to economic hardship.

AmeriCorps is a federal agency for national service and volunteerism, that provides opportunities for Americans to serve their country domestically, address the nation's most pressing challenges, improve lives and communities, and strengthen civic engagement. Each year, the agency places more than 200,000 AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers in intensive service roles; and empowers millions more to serve as long-term, short-term, or one-time volunteers.

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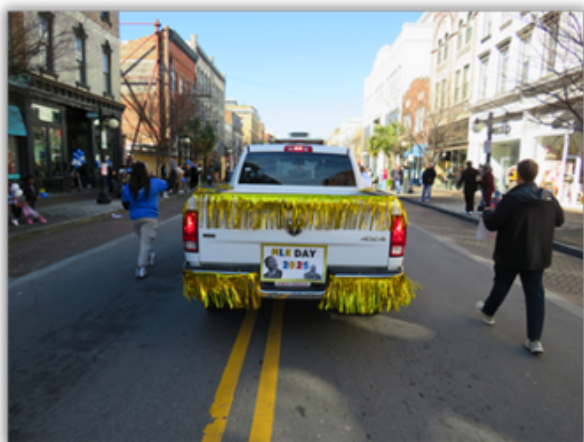
PHOTOS OF AMERICORPS VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE TO AMERICA IN ACTION ON MLK DAY



NA'ERYKAH GOODWIN, AMERICORPS VISTA LEADER SAYS "BEING IN THE PARADE AND SEEING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WE HAVE HELPED WITH SMILES AND CHEERS ON THEIR FACES, WAS A HEART MELTING MOMENT."



AMERICORPS MEMBER, ANDY SNYDER WAS ALL SMILES AS HE PREPARED TO GREET SAVANNAH RESIDENTS



NA'ERYKAH GOODWIN, AMERICORPS VISTA LEADER AND ANDY SNYDER, AMERICORPS VISTA MEMBER ARE WALKING THE STREETS OF SAVANNAH CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



AMERICORPS VISTA MEMBERS, ANDY SNYDER AND JODY TRUMBULL ARE DECORATING THE TRUCK TO SHOWCASE AMERICORPS VISTA SPIRIT