



“Everybody can be great because everybody can serve.”-- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

ARIZONA

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service
(as of 1/10/08)**

For information about 157 more Arizona MLK Day of Service Activities, please visit WWW.MLKDAY.GOV

Greater Phoenix Area Events and Activities

January 23- February 20

MLK Youth Art Exhibit

Arizona State Capitol -Lobby

1700 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Contact: Dr. Eugene Grigsby, (602) 253-0668, Princess E. Crump, (602) 254-7516

January 14-19

Basketball Classic

Phoenix College

1202 W. Thomas Road, Phoenix

Contact: Emmett Boyd (602) 534-4536, Robert Sells (602) 495-5745

January 18

“Passing the Torch”

City of Phoenix Annual MLK Awards Breakfast, 7:00 a.m.

Phoenix Convention Center, West Building, Third Floor, B-D Ballroom

100 N. Third Street

Contact: Andrea Weeks Hardin (480) 767-3877

Painting Upkeep Project

525 N. Westwood, Mesa, AZ 85201

An MLK project at Carson Junior High that includes restoring artwork. Contact: Pat Wallace, (480) 233-9279, or pswallace@mpsaz.org

January 19:

Project Vitamin C – City of Glendale, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Saguaro Ranch Park

9802 N. 59th Ave., Glendale, AZ 85302

Help the St Mary's Food Bank Alliance feed hungry families by picking citrus fruit at the historic Sahuaro Ranch in Glendale, AZ. This vitamin-rich resource will be distributed in emergency food boxes. Contact: Make A Difference at www.makeadifference.org

Maryvale Revitalization Curb Appeal Project, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

5625 W Osborn Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85031

Project Description: In honor of Dr. King's spirit of service, help bring beauty and pride back into Maryvale with a large-scale neighborhood revitalization project that will include painting homes and landscaping yards. Contact: Make A Difference at www.makeadifference.org

Youth Celebration; Workshops, Lunch, Entertainment, 9:00 a.m.

Phoenix College, Auditorium

1202 W. Thomas, Phoenix

Contact: Brenda Williams (602) 534-0558, Camilla Westenberg (602) 285-7365

Arizona Facts of Life, 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Volunteer at this mentoring and leadership day.

Contact: LaToya Cunningham, (480) 406-0583, or LaToya@azfactsoflife.org

Neighborhood Beautification

2253 W. Mandalay Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85023

Join together with the John Jacobs Block Watch project to help clean up their neighborhood.

Contact: Laura Bowling (602) 791-7166 or Lbscout@cox.net

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Community Painting Project

9810 N. 5th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85020

Volunteer to help the Villa Sunrise Block Watch project clean up their neighborhood.

Contact: Pat Wilkinson, (602) 943-7333, or paintingpotsaz@yahoo.com

MLK Math Madness: A Community Carnival

KEYS Community Center

2454 E Broadway Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85040

Participate in an MLK Math Carnival.

Contact: Karen Hardin, (602) 214-1449, or projectmass2@yahoo.com

Neighborhood Clean Up, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

8615 W. Catalina Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85037

Volunteer to help the Amberlea and Contempo Del Este Block Watch Association

Contact: Charlotte Waddle, (602) 350-0359 or cwaddle1@cox.net

January 20:

Free MLK Film Screening and Discussion

The Heard Museum, Monte Vista Room

2301 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85004

View and discuss the film *Banished*

Contact: Make A Difference at www.makeadifference.org

Lift Your Voice Open Mic and Poetry Slam

Entertainment Alley

2200 N Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85257

There is strength and power in your SPOKEN WORD! Come enjoy a night of feature performers of all flavors in a special open mic showcase. Sign up to perform your poetry or talent.

Contact: Make A Difference at www.makeadifference.org

Candlelight Ceremony Concert, 6:00 p.m.

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church

1401 E. Jefferson Street, Phoenix

Contact: Rev. Dr. Henry Barnwell, (602) 276-4085

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January 21

Festival and March, 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

March route begins at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church

1401 East Jefferson, Phoenix

Festival begins at 10:00 a.m. at Margaret T. Hance Deck Park

Third Street and Moreland

Contact: Emmett Boyd, (602) 534-4536

18th Anniversary MLK Mass, 5:30 p.m.

Saint Mary's Basilica Catholic Church

231 N. Third Street, Phoenix

Contact: Kit Marshall (602) 354-2025

Book Discussion

Changing Hands Bookstore

6428 S. Mc Clintock Dr., Tempe, AZ 85283

Discuss Dave Eggers's book, *What is the What*, and engage with a speaker from the Arizona Lost Boys Center.

Contact: Make A Difference at www.makeadifference.org

Mission Restoration Project

7655 E. Main Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85018

Help to restore, preserve and protect community landmark Old Adobe Mission.

Contact: Gloria Argueso (602) 618-1189, or largueso@cox.net

Women's Shelter Project

Volunteer to assist with a landscape and garden project at the shelter.

Contact: Fran Garrett (602-279-2939, or frangarrett3@msn.com)

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Tree Planting and Puppet Show Project

Volunteer along side the Isaac School District SOAR Program to plant trees in the school yard or help to produce a puppet show.

Contact: Fernando Nunez, (602) 455-6776, or fnunez@issacschools.org

Elderly Assistance Community Project

315 E. Garfield, Tempe, AZ 85281

Assist the North Tempe Neighborhood Association with projects to benefit the elderly.

Contact: Darlene Justus, (480) 529-3584, or d_justus@cox.net

January 25

Native Seed Project, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

108 N. 40th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85034

Volunteer to create a new garden space for indigenous seeds at GateWay Early College High School. Contact: Theresa Johnson, (480) 285-7318 or johnsont@gatewaycc.edu

January 26

Senior Luncheon, 12:00 p.m.

1141 E. Jefferson St. , Phoenix, AZ 85034

Assist youth and families prepare a luncheon for area senior citizens.

Contact: Stacey Royston, (623) 523-3989, or seroyston2@aol.com

January 28

ASU Event – 23rd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast

ASU Tempe Campus

Contact: www.asu.edu/mlk calendar events

January 2008

Black History Bowl

Time and location; TBA

Contact: Valerie Churchwell, (602) 722-3639

January 23-31

MLK Youth Poster and Essay Contest

Display of submissions from Arizona's schoolchildren around the state.

ASU Memorial Union, Tempe

[Http://www.asu.edu/ia/photogallery](http://www.asu.edu/ia/photogallery)

Tucson Area Events and Activities

January 18

Quincie Douglas Branch of Pima County Library

1585 E. 36th St. Tucson, AZ 85713

A diverse group of 150 residents will ride SunTran buses wearing commemorative buttons indicating they are 'Riding for the Dream'. They will also have informational bookmarks and leaflets to distribute, sharing the history and teachings of Dr. King. During and after the rides, senior age residents will be encouraged to share stories with young riders and youth afterward about the Civil Rights Era and the influences of Dr. King. After the rides, participants will gather at the Library and Neighborhood Center for food and activities. Attendance at the neighborhood gathering is estimated at 300 people. Contact Leslie Langbert at (520) 903-9000 x.426 or

LLangbert@unitedwaytucson.org

January 19

Sacred Heart Parish

601 E. Ft. Lowell Rd. Tucson, AZ 85705

Community members from the Amphi neighborhood and surrounding area will come together to plant trees and plants to improve the aesthetics of the neighborhood. As a commemorative ending, they will share a meal and discuss their recent achievements 'making it a day on, not a day off' in remembrance of Dr. King. Contact Leslie Langbert at (520) 903-9000 x.426 or LLangbert@unitedwaytucson.org

January 21

Flowing Wells Extension—Y.E.S. Program

1661 W. Prince Rd. Suite 103 Tucson, AZ 85705

Almost 600 students in the Y.E.S. program and Project M.A.X. will be developing activity packets for the elderly at three different care centers. 50 will be made for senior citizens at The Place at Tucson, 50 for the Desert Life Care Center, and 50 for The Life Care Center. The students will also develop packets for 45 children at Tucson Medical Center, 50 children at University Medical Center, and 50 for children at North West Hospital. *Students will make an estimated total of 300 activity packets to be distributed.* Contact Leslie Langbert at (520) 903-9000 x.426 or LLangbert@unitedwaytucson.org

Volunteer Center of Southern Arizona

924 N. Alvernon Tucson, AZ 85711

A team of youth volunteers will focus on rehabilitating the Volunteer Center's North Activities room and transforming it into the 'Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Meeting Room'. The room will be repainted, adding a wall of diversity that includes paintings from previous MLK Day projects. They will also place quotes from Dr. King and others on the wall as an inspiration to those youth and adults that use the room. Additionally, they will refresh and restore the 12 Tucson Civil Rights History story boards that include photos from the Historical Society of local and regional civil rights leaders, events and locations. Other activities will include cleaning up the neighborhood dumpster area and painting a 'diversity mural' on the dumpster itself. They will create a ramada in the outdoor gathering area near the building that is used by neighborhood residents and Volunteer Center staff year-round. Contact Leslie Langbert at (520) 903-9000 x.426 or LLangbert@unitedwaytucson.org

The Face of Poverty, City High School

48 E. Pennington Street

Participants will participate in an experiential learning activity designed to help students understand the intersection of poverty and hunger.
Contact: Jennifer Camano, (520) 623-7223 x 301

January 25

Southwest Conservation Corps

Sabino Canyon Visitors Center NE Tucson

Project Description: Volunteers from the community, youth and adults, will be recruited to assist in rehabilitation of trails and general cleanup in the Sabino Basin Watershed. Partnerships will be created with community based volunteer organizations and school groups. Contact Leslie Langbert at (520) 903-9000 x.426 or LLangbert@unitedwaytucson.org

January 26

South Park Arts and Culture Center

Dunbar Cultural Center, 325 W. 2nd St. Tucson, AZ 85705

Focusing on revitalizing the Black Arts Movement in Tucson, the project will recruit volunteers to organize, inventory, clean and repair doors, documents, pictures, newspaper articles, posters, costumes and props to prepare for the Center's opening to the neighborhood and surrounding community. Included in the day will be activities highlighting Dr. King's work, including short performance skits, singing songs of the civil rights era, review of his speeches and time for reflection at project's end. Contact Leslie Langbert at (520) 903-9000 x.426 or LLangbert@unitedwaytucson.org

OTHER STATEWIDE PROJECTS

January 21

PINETOP -- Civic Awareness and Dental Screening Event

Dental screening, civic education event, poster contest, essay project.
Contact: Debe Campbell (928) 368-7519

CHINO VALLEY – NAVAJO ELDER HELP PROJECT

Help prepare Navajo elders for winter in Leupp.
Contact: Julia Watson-Frandsen (928) 636-2458 x 125