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The 25th Anniversary of the Dr. Martin Luther King federal holiday is January 17, 2011

## 2011 MLK Day is Almost Here--Are You Ready?

Hosting an MLK Day project? Check this to-do list to make sure you spread the word about your project so it's recognized throughout Oregon!

- [Register your project with Oregon Volunteers](#) (even if you do not need volunteers)
- Register your project with AllForGood.org
- Follow [Oregon Volunteers on Facebook](#) to make sure you get all the updates for MLK Day of Service
- ["Attend" 2011 Oregon MLK Day of Service event page on Facebook](#) and talk to others throughout Oregon who are hosting projects or volunteering--get tips, share stories, be inspired.
- Starting January 18, ["Share Your Story" on MLKDay.gov!](#)
- Share your MLK Day project with your local media. Also prepare to greet media at your event--having a press kit, program/organization brochure, and business card on hand is a good idea!
- After your event, send pictures to Dana Ziolkowski at Oregon Volunteers: [dana@oregonvolunteers.org](mailto:dana@oregonvolunteers.org)

## It's Time To Gear Up For Global Youth Service Day!

The world's largest youth service day is coming up April 15-17--[Global Youth Service Day \(GYSD\)](#). GYSD encourages organizations and youth to work together on community service projects. If you are a youth-serving organization, we encourage you to start thinking NOW of how to engage youth during this important event. Oregon Volunteers is serving as the state of Oregon Lead Agency and will offer two funding opportunities to help youth and organizations serve their communities and make this year's GYSD a huge success.



More information, helpful resources and grant applications will be available on [www.oregonvolunteers.org](http://www.oregonvolunteers.org) beginning January 18, 2011.



## January is Poverty in America Awareness Month

How much do you know about the basic facts of poverty in America? [Take this quiz](#) to see how up to date you are with Poverty in America. Then, learn more through Oregon-based [Partnership To End Poverty's Current Research section](#); an extensive list of articles, statistics, poverty-related organizations and more.

## The National Service Scoop

*Get inspired with Senior Corps, AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve*

AmeriCorps members in Oregon are preparing to honor the 25th anniversary of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday with service projects across the state, making the holiday "a day on, not a day off".

The UCAN AmeriCorps VISTA Team of Coos, Josephine and Douglas Counties will be working to build a greenhouse for the elementary school, getting the town mural ready for painting and help "rock" the rest of the back side of the library. In Portland, about 1200 students from nine colleges and universities will unite to serve at projects throughout Multnomah County on January 17.

[Click here to find out who's celebrating 2011 MLK Day with service projects in your area.](#)



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