

MLK Day Service Targets Jackson Elementary

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People interested in volunteering on Martin Luther King Day can drop in at Jackson Elementary School in York City.

From noon to 5 p.m. Monday, the United Way of York County will be leading a volunteer cleaning program at the school at 177 E. Jackson St.

The United Way organized the event as part of the annual Martin Luther King Day of Service programs run by nonprofit organizations, schools and community groups nationwide in remembrance of the civil rights leader, who was born Jan. 15, 1929. He was assassinated April 4, 1968.

At Jackson Elementary School, volunteers will clean the school's storage areas and sanitize students' desks to help maintain a healthy environment during flu season, said Leslie Brengle, the director of the United Way's SecureCorps program.

Registration is not required for participation, she said.

"Folks can come in whenever they like and stay as long as they can," Brengle said.

King's message: Volunteers also will have opportunities to learn about King's message about community service and about the work of the United Way and other nonprofit organizations in York County, she said.

While the United Way has participated in past local Martin Luther King Day of Service events, this is the second year the organization is offering its own program, Brengle said.

Last year, about 50 people participated in the agency's program. The hope is to draw at least that many attendees this year, she said.

"We want people to have an understanding of Martin Luther King's philosophy on service and why it's important to give back to the community," Brengle said.

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Volunteering

The United Way of York County will hold its Martin Luther King Day of Service volunteer cleaning program from noon to 5 p.m. Monday at Jackson Elementary School, 177 E. Jackson St. in York City.

Registration is not required to help clean the school's storage areas and desks.

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