

The 2021 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

On Monday, January 18, AmeriCorps led MLK Day 2021, a national day of service dedicated to honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The MLK Day of Service is the only federal holiday observed as a national day of service – a "day on, not a day off."

Here are just a few of the MLK Day service activities Tennessee AmeriCorps programs and other service organizations participated in around the state.

East Tennessee

- In Chattanooga, [AIM Center](#) hosted a virtual social on MLK Day for their AIM Center service recipients with facilitation help from one of their AmeriCorps members.
- In Knoxville, members from [CAC AmeriCorps](#) went out in the cold and even snow in some cases to complete service projects with a variety of partners in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Partner sites included Dogwood Elementary School, Beardsley Farm, Keep Knoxville Beautiful, the Museum of Infinite Outcomes, Knox County Stormwater Management, Water Quality Forum, and Knox County Mobile Meals.



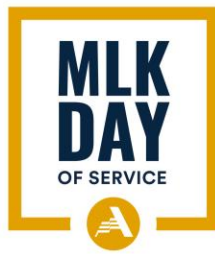
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Middle Tennessee

- [Hands On Nashville](#) (HON) AmeriCorps members served in projects such as packaging and preparing diapers with Nashville Diaper Connection for a distribution event held Monday on MLK Day.
- [South Cumberland Plateau VISTA Project](#) AmeriCorps members served alongside Dr. Camille Westmont from Sewanee, University of the South. Dr. Camille Westmont is the Director of the Lone Rock Convict Stockade Project and shared with the group about convict leasing in Tennessee. The AmeriCorps VISTAs served together to transcribe convict data records from the Lone Rock Stockade and also learned about slavery and coal mining in the area.



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West Tennessee

- [BRIDGES, USA](#)'s Bridge Builders and AmeriCorps members BRIDGES AmeriCorps members hosted high school and middle school students for Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service workshops.
- The [City of Memphis AmeriCorps VISTA](#) team took part in a virtual day of service writing letters to seniors in Memphis, making face masks, and participating in a digital donation drive servicing local nonprofit organization.
- [Volunteer Memphis](#) led their annual Martin Luther King Jr. Days of Service Event, which included multiple service projects and community cleanups throughout the Mid-South over four days, as well as virtual opportunities.



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Thank you to all who served in honor of the MLK Day holiday. More information and resources on this national day of service can be found at MLKDay.gov.

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