

Next Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a national day of service with lots of opportunities for people of all ages to serve our community locally throughout the holiday weekend, most of them preapproved for student service learning hours. Here are some ways to get involved:

**Montgomery County's MLK Day of Service Multi-Project Event & Volunteer Fair:**

Monday, Jan. 15, 1-3 pm, Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center ([5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda](#)). Participate in your choice of dozens of family-friendly service projects addressing a range of issues, including packaging food for the hungry, crafting costumes for kids in hospitals, making dog toys for area shelters, creating hand warmers for the homeless, and writing letters to seniors and troops. There will also be a volunteer fair where you can talk with local nonprofits and government agencies about their missions and year-round volunteer needs. [Sign up](#)

[https://montgomerycountymd.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need\\_id=302578](https://montgomerycountymd.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=302578)

—or just show up! [Get more details here](#)

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteercenter/volunteers/MLK.html>

**Additional MLK Day of Service Project Sites:**

Monday, Jan. 15, 9-11 am in [Gaithersburg](#)

[https://montgomerycountymd.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need\\_id=302851](https://montgomerycountymd.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=302851)

and 10 am-12 noon in [Silver Spring](#)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mlk-day-of-service-2018-silver-spring-md-registration-39839055688>

Space is very limited at both of these project sites, which will each feature several service projects. Click the link for each location for more details and to sign up (if still available).

**Manna Food Drive:** Saturday & Sunday, Jan. 13-14, 11 am-5 pm, at Giant Food Stores throughout Montgomery County. Encourage grocery store shoppers to contribute nonperishables to a food drive sponsored by Manna Food Center, which helps to feed the hungry in our community. [Sign up here](#)

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054ea9ac22a7ff2-mlkjr1>

**Montgomery Parks Volunteer Projects:** Saturday, Sunday & Monday, Jan. 13-15, at parks and nature centers throughout the county. Help with park and stream cleanups, nature center activities, and weeding events. Groups may even be able to design their own volunteer projects.

**Even More Ways to Volunteer:** Saturday, Sunday & Monday, Jan. 13-15—and beyond! [Check the Montgomery County Volunteer Center's volunteer opportunity calendar](#) <https://montgomerycountymd.galaxydigital.com/calendar/>

for additional ways to volunteer in January and all year.

Questions? Contact the Montgomery County Volunteer Center at 240-777-2600.