



## **Martin Luther King Jr. Week of Service**

### **Project Leader Talking Points**

Please take a minute at the start of your project to say a few words to the volunteers about MLK Day and Dr. King's legacy. Suggested remarks/talking points are:

- As you all know, today is the official recognition of the birth and life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King.
- I think everyone would agree that by being here today, volunteering in the community, we are honoring his memory in a very concrete, measurable way.
- Coretta Scott King once said, "The greatest birthday gift that my husband could receive is if people of all racial and ethnic backgrounds celebrated the holiday by performing individual acts of kindness through service to others."
- During or after your time here today, have fun and take pride in your accomplishments, but also please take a moment to reflect on King's life and the time he spent struggling for justice and equality. Think about what you can do in your life to carry on his efforts, fighting against racism and poverty.
- Remember: Dr. King once said, "Everybody can be great because anybody can serve."
- HandsOn Bay Area's commitment to community is only amplified this week as we reflect on the life and service that Martin Luther King brought to his own community. We encourage our volunteers this week to explore what motivates them to serve and how they can further MLK's message by taking a look at the many other service projects on our online Project Calendar that we manage all over the Bay Area.