Governor's Commission on Community Service
Office of Lt. Governor Barbara O'Brien

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service
2009 Annual Event Report

"Building a culture of citizenship, service, and responsibility in Colorado."
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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (January 15, 1929-April 4, 1968) was born in Atlanta, GA. His birth name was Michael King, Jr., but later had his name changed to Martin Luther King, Jr. King attended segregated public schools in Georgia, graduating from high school at the age of fifteen; he received the B. A. degree in 1948 from Morehouse College. After three years of theological study at Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania, where he was elected president of a predominantly white senior class, he was awarded the B.D. in 1951. With a fellowship from Crozer, he enrolled in graduate studies at Boston University, completing his residence for the doctorate in 1953 and receiving the degree in 1955. In Boston he met and married Coretta Scott, a young woman of uncommon intellectual and artistic attainments. Their marriage produced two sons and two daughters.

In 1954, Martin Luther King became pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. Always a strong advocate of civil rights for members of his race, King was, by this time, a member of the executive committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the leading organization of its kind in the nation. He was ready, then, early in December, 1955, to lead the bus boycott of Montgomery, AL, the first great African American nonviolent demonstration of contemporary times in the United States.

The boycott lasted 382 days. On December 21, 1956, the Supreme Court of the United States declared the laws requiring segregation on buses as unconstitutional. During the days of boycott, King was arrested, his home was bombed, he was subjected to personal abuse, yet he emerged as a leader of the civil rights movement.

In 1957, King was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization formed to provide new leadership for the now burgeoning civil rights movement. In the eleven-year period between 1957 and 1968, King traveled over six million miles and spoke over twenty-five hundred times, appearing wherever there was injustice, protest, and action. During this time, he wrote five books as well as numerous articles. In these years, he led a massive protest in Birmingham, Alabama, that caught the attention of the entire world, providing what he called a coalition of conscience, and inspiring his ‘Letter from a Birmingham Jail’, a manifesto of the African American revolution; he planned the drives in Alabama for the registration of Black voters; he directed the peaceful march on Washington, D.C., of 250,000 people to whom he delivered his ‘I Have a Dream’ address. He conferred with President John F. Kennedy and campaigned for President Lyndon B. Johnson; he was arrested upwards of twenty times and assaulted at least four times; he was awarded five honorary degrees; was named Man of the Year by Time magazine in 1963; and became not only the symbolic leader of African Americans but also a world figure.

At the age of thirty-five, King was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize. When notified of his selection, he announced that he would turn over the prize money of $54,123 to the furtherance of the civil rights movement.

On the evening of April 4, 1968, he was assassinated while standing on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tennessee, where he was to lead a protest march in sympathy with striking garbage workers of that city.

* Biography of Martin Luther King Jr. from: The Nobel Prize website at nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/1964/king-bio.html

The King Center website at www.thekingcenter.org/mlk/bio.html

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The Governor’s Commission on Community Service, under the Office of Lieutenant Governor Barbara O’Brien, promotes the ethic of service and volunteerism throughout Colorado, and carries out initiatives in the areas of mentoring and literacy.

The Commission supports and promotes volunteer service to all citizens as an effective means to address community needs and foster a collective commitment to lifelong community service.

As administrators of the AmeriCorps*State Programs in Colorado, the Commission builds on the dedication and expertise of individual citizens and public and private systems to expand civic participation and engagement in solving challenges faced by Colorado communities.

Mission

The Commission serves as a catalyst for the promotion and expansion of community service and volunteerism throughout all Colorado residents as an effective means to address civic and social issues and improve the overall well-being of communities throughout the state.

Goals

- To advocate for service and volunteerism as essential components in sustaining healthy Colorado communities.
- To create mechanisms which facilitate greater cooperation, communication and partnerships among agencies working in the service and volunteerism fields.
- To promote service and volunteerism as an integral component of education at all levels and as a lifelong responsibility.
- To increase public awareness, appreciation, support and participation in service and volunteerism.
- To increase financial support for volunteer initiatives from a broad range of public and private sources.

In addition to its national and community service charge, the Commission works to promote and expand volunteerism and civic participation through initiatives such as Colorado Cares Day, a statewide day of service.
Dear Volunteers and Community Partners,

I would like to offer my gratitude to all of the organizations and individuals who contributed to the 2009 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service.

Martin Luther King Jr. served as an example to all Americans to dedicate their time and energy back to their communities in order to make this a greater nation. We celebrate his memory by giving back to our neighbors and fellow Coloradoans on this national day of service.

This year, Colorado helped set a standard of volunteerism by participating in a number of service projects that took place across our state. We proved once again the very spirit of Dr. King; that regardless of our differences, we can join together and make a positive impact on so many.

We hope that you will continue to help make Colorado a better place to live this year and again thank you for your great work!

With sincere appreciation,

Barbara O'Brien
Lieutenant Governor
State of Colorado

Dear Partners in Service,

On behalf of the Governor's Commission on Community Service, I would like to commend the many volunteers and project managers that helped make the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service a great success.

Dr. King once said, “Everybody can be great because everybody can serve.” The Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service is so important because it encourages all of us to bring purpose to this holiday by connecting it with the philosophies and teachings of a great individual.

This year there is a cause for celebration. Through your time and hard work, we saw more people touched by your generosity and kindness than in any other previous years. Your support is greatly valued and appreciated. Together we made this holiday a day on, not a day off. It is my hope that you will continue this tradition throughout the entire year.

Sincerely,

Christine Benero
Chair
Governor's Commission on Community Service
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The Colorado General Assembly

Members of the Colorado General Assembly contributed their share to making the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service a success in the state. Senate President Peter Groff lent his voice by calling on all Coloradans to get involved in a service project as a way to celebrate the holiday. State House Speaker Terrence Carroll spoke at the Marade Ceremony and helped lead the thousands in attendance along the parade route.

Peter Groff
Colorado State Senate President
&
Terrence Carroll
Colorado State House Speaker

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PRESIDENT GROFF ENCOURAGES COMMUNITY SERVICE ON MLK DAY

“We need your service, right now, in this moment—our moment—in history. I’m not going to tell you what your role should be, that’s for you to discover. But I am going to ask you to play your part, ask you to stand up, ask you to put your foot firmly into the current of history.”

Barack Obama, Colorado Springs, July 2, 2008

“In 1994, Congress dedicated the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Holiday as a National Day of Community Service, in recognition of the life, legacy and dedication to public service exemplified by Martin Luther King Jr. Since 1994, millions of volunteers across the country have taken part in the MLK Day of Service—a call to action, to: “Make it a day on, not a day off.”

This year, the Martin Luther King Day of Service falls on the eve of a historic and transformative time in our nation’s history. To honor Dr. King’s legacy, President-elect Barack Obama has called upon this day as a day to “ Renew America Together” and to ignite the spirit of service in our nation by asking all Americans to make a lasting pledge to serve.

These times are somber and sobering— and challenging for us all. Despite these times of uncertainty, we should remember that the strength of America comes from its compassionate, generous and loving citizens.

I invite all Coloradans to come together on this day of service, on the King Holiday and throughout the year, in service to your community.

I commend the many organizations— schools, businesses, churches, non-profit organizations, workers’ groups— that are planning King day of Service projects.

On this day we can all celebrate the spirit of service.

On this day we can honor Dr. King’s memory, and celebrate his legacy.

On this day, and every day, we can come together, united in service, to help make Colorado a better place to live.”
Remarks of President-Elect Barack Obama
Day of Service Luncheon at Coolidge High School - January 19, 2009 - Washington, DC

I want to start by thanking all of you for coming together from across this community – people who are young and old, of every race and background and faith – and taking part in the great American tradition of giving of yourselves to lift up your community.

We meet at a moment when this work could not be more urgent. Today, we face challenges like never before in our lifetime. A lot of folks here in DC and across America are hurting and filled with uncertainty about what the future holds. And as I prepare to take that oath tomorrow, I know my Administration has our work cut out for us.

But I also know this: that however well government does its job; however hard we work to make good plans and policies and restore a sense of responsibility to Washington, our problems cannot be solved by government alone – or even mostly by government. It’s going to take all of us, putting our shoulder to the wheel, doing our part to remake this nation.

That’s why we’ve called on the American people to come together and devote their time and effort to work in their communities today. And that’s why we chose this particular day, when we honor a man who lived his life as a servant to his fellow citizens – and whose greatness can be measured not just in his own extraordinary contributions, but in how he inspired others to contribute.

Dr. King taught us that we could no longer view our own day-to-day cares and responsibilities as somehow separate from what was happening in the wider world that we read about in the newspaper and saw on TV. Because ultimately, for each of us, our own story and the American story are not separate, they are shared. And they are both strengthened and enriched each time we stand up and answer the call to help meet the challenges of our new century.

So today, I am asking you to roll up your sleeves and join in the work of remaking this nation. I pledge to you that government will do its part to open up more opportunities for citizens to participate. And in return, I ask you to play your part – to not just pitch in today, but to make an ongoing commitment that lasts far beyond one day, or even one presidency.

And to those who are skeptical about whether this will happen – to anyone who thinks that the American people are selfish or apathetic – I invite them to come here to Coolidge High School and to the more than 11,000 other places across this country where people have spent today fixing up schools and renovating homes and organizing food drives and blood drives and so much more. I see what the American people are doing today and every day. So don’t tell me that we can’t usher in a new spirit of service in this country.

I know we can do this. America is a great nation precisely because Americans have been willing to stand up when it was hard; to give when they had little left to give; to rise above moments of great challenge and terrible trial.

And I know that I am here today – as are so many of you – because somebody, at some point, decided that loving their community and their country meant doing something to change it. That’s what we are called to do once again, in this moment – our moment – in history. So today, in the words of Dr. King, 'Let us rise up...with a greater readiness. Let us stand with a greater determination. And let us move on in these powerful days, these days of challenge to make America what it ought to be.'

Thank you, God bless you, and God bless America.

*Remarks from: http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/dr_king_service/
In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s dedication to community service and volunteerism, Congress passed an initiative in 1994 to dedicate the MLK Jr. Holiday as a National Day of Service and encourages all Americans to give back to their communities.

This year Colorado did its part in participating in this national day of service by planning and participating in various statewide service projects. These events ranged from:

- Arts & Culture
- Children & Youth
- Collections (Food, Clothing)
- Food Preparation
- Human Services
- Public Safety
- Beautification/Clean Up
- Civic Engagement
- Education
- Health
- Renovation
- Poverty Fighting

Thousands came together at the Martin Luther King Statue in Denver’s City Park for the 2009 MLK Marade.
This year’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service saw over 33 separate statewide projects that took place in 14 Colorado Counties.

- Adams County
- Arapaho County
- Costilla County
- Denver County
- Grand Junction
- La Plata County
- Saguache County
- Alamosa County
- Boulder County
- Conejos County
- El Paso County
- Jefferson County
- Larimer County
- Rio Grande County

Many youth joined the celebration to learn about the teachings of Dr. King.

The GCCS staff (from left to right) Mark Skinner, Jan Mickish, Terri Jutzi, Toya M. Nelson, and Jovan Melton prepare to join the thousands at the MLK Day Marade in Denver.

State House Speaker Terrence Carroll and Lt. Governor Barbara O’Brien marched with others.
The MLK Jr. Marade

The Martin Luther King Jr. Marade has been a long-standing tradition in the City of Denver for over 20 years. The Marade is one of nation’s largest MLK Jr. Holiday celebrations of its kind.

Tens of thousands of Coloradoans gathered at the Martin Luther King Jr. Statue in Denver’s City Park to hear speeches from Lt. Governor Barbara O’Brien, State House Speaker Terrence Carroll, State and City elected individuals, and other community leaders.

Following the ceremony, participants marched from the statue to Civic Center Park, which sits between the state capitol and the City and County building. The parade route is approximately two-miles.

Hundreds of volunteers helped in the organization, promotion, setup, and security for the event. Their dedication helps us all remember Dr. King’s teachings of the value of community service in bring all Americans together.
Commissioner Johanna Garton and Vice Chair Lindsay Morgan Tracy at City Park the morning of the Marade.

Thousands of MLK Marade participants marched along Colfax Avenue.

Marchers gathering at Civic Center Park in Downtown Denver.

Lt. Governor Barbara O’Brien accepting the Martin Luther King Torch at the opening ceremony of the Marade.
AmeriCorps Members came out in great numbers to provided marshaling services for the MLK Jr. Marade in Denver. They assisted local police and emergency responders in maintaining public safety along the parade route. Their help was invaluable to organizing the thousands in attendance. The AmeriCorps programs that participated in the event were:

- AmeriCorps NCCC
- CARENET AmeriCorps
- Colorado HIPPYCorps
- Community Building Partnerships for Youth in Transition
- Weld County Youth Conservation Corps
Below: Members of AmeriCorps NCCC outside of the Colorado State Capitol along the Marade route.

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In 1968, Martin Luther King Jr. went to Memphis, Tennessee, to assist the Memphis Sanitation Workers in a labor dispute for union rights and better working conditions. It was during this trip that he was assassinated on his motel room balcony.

The “Get to Cleanin’ Remembering Memphis” project, was held in honor of the Memphis Sanitation Workers that fought for their civil rights while they fought for their union rights. Participants joined in remembrance by walking the Marade route and picking up trash before the event started the following Monday.
Students and faculty at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado celebrated the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service through a number of activities they offered to their surrounding communities. Students read and perform civil rights speeches, letters, poetry and writings.

The FLC Campus and the Durango community showed their solidarity through a march across campus. The march ended at the CUB Ballroom where participants were invited to share their reflections on MLK Day. FLC President Brad Bartel delivered comments and led in the serving of a birthday cake honoring Dr. King.

Later that day, the FLC Campus and Durango community came together in a discussion on social justice and inclusive communities to consider the true meaning of Martin Luther King Day. The featured speaker, Dr. Rev. Jamie Washington, engaged the audience in the essence of creating effective change in our personal and organizational lives as we strive to realize King’s Dream in our communities.
Kaiser Permanente, in partnership with Metro Volunteers, sponsored the MLK Day Health Fair. The event was held at Manual High School. The fair provided health and medical services to over 1,200 people from the surrounding northeast Denver community. Attendees also received education on a host of health topics from nutrition to early detection of breast cancer.

The fair received large numbers of volunteers that included health experts, doctors, nurses, and health advocates.

Volunteers provided the following free medical services:

- 275 women’s screenings including pap tests and pelvic exams
- 180 pediatric physicals and health screenings
- 100 vision screenings
- 470 immunizations
- 500 diabetes and cholesterol tests
- 340 dental screenings and dental services for children and adults
- 90 pairs of free eye glasses
- 30 mammography screenings (50 additional free mammography exams were scheduled)

Volunteers show the spirit of service as they give their time at Manual High School.
Health professionals lend their talents to serve underprivileged Colorado residents. Members of the community get life saving information.
Volunteers came together with the Denver Broncos’ Boys & Girls Club in Denver to provide a day of education and fun for children and youth.

At the Denver Broncos Boys and Girls Club, volunteers completed arts and crafts projects with 150 youth, providing them with opportunities to build connections with positive adult role models. Children at the center were taught about the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. They received free lunches and entertainment by the dozens of volunteers and project sponsors.

This extra care and attention provided both the kids and adults with fun memories from the day. The event demonstrated that by giving a little bit of time, the outcomes last a lot longer and benefit so many.
Volunteers have fun by entertaining and mentoring children and youth in their service project at the Boys and Girls Club.
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MLK, Jr. Early College

At Martin Luther King, Jr. Early College in Denver, volunteers completed a project that had been on hold for 20 years – sorting and labeling hundreds of books by grade level; thus, giving students access to new educational resources.

Participants helped in cleaning and painting assignments. They also transformed a storage room to meet the Army’s requirements to host an ROTC program, which will bring $150,000 to Denver Public Schools.
Lafayette's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. March for Peace and Celebration was originally conceived by service-learning students at Pioneer Elementary School.

This year marked the fourth anniversary of the celebration, convening an estimated 750 community members. Primarily organized by Project YES and in partnership with the City of Lafayette and the Lafayette Youth Advisory Committee, the event included youth presentations, a performance by Slam Poet Andrea Gibson, a service and resource fair, and a youth-created art gallery.

In addition, University of Colorado and Centaurus High School students developed a documentary of the event, which will be unveiled in April 2009. Also a community mural to honor the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the promise of President Barack Obama will be presented at the time. Colorado Campus Compact made the projects possible.
A group of neighborhood volunteers had a successful day of service at the Denver Children’s Home. They painted one of the commons area to make it seem brighter and larger. The 12 volunteers were able to finish the job in a few hours and had time to tour the home and eat lunch with some of the residents and staff.

Denver Children’s Home has a long standing history of working with Colorado’s most vulnerable children and families: those that struggle with the effects of poverty, abuse, neglect, exposure to violence and suffer from chronic mental health problems and learning disabilities related to these experiences.
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Warren Village Basic Needs Drive

In the spirit of community service and the MLK Jr. Day of Service, Warren Village’s Basic Needs Drive was a huge success for its single parent and previously homeless residents.

More than 45 volunteers helped count, sort and organize thousands of urgently needed donated items. The goods will help feed over 90 single parent families in the coming months.

Warren Village helps motivated low-income, single parents move from public assistance to self-sufficiency through subsidized housing, on-site childcare, counseling, and education or job training.

Volunteers sort and pack supplies for the Warren Village resident families.
Colorado Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) Corps celebrated the Martin Luther King Holiday with a variety of activities. In the month leading up to MLK Day, the Metro-area HIPPY Members distributed information to families about Martin Luther King, Jr. and worked with 428 families to create "I Have a Dream Time Capsules." The capsules captured both parent and child goals for the year and the future. Parents had fun tracing their child's foot & hand and measuring how tall they were. The activity of finding a newspaper article that not only interested them, but was important to what was going on in the world today, was a fun and challenging activity for them. The families were very excited that their children were able to understand that they are a part of a bigger world.
Not only did 27 Metro area HIPPY Members, six staff, and one HIPPY Alum participate in the Denver MLK, Jr. Marade, but also there were eight parents and 27 children from HIPPY families who marched along side. Since this was the first march for many of the HIPPY Members and families, they were impressed to see the number of people that came out for it. The Members were very excited to see other AmeriCorps "gray sweatshirts" like theirs and felt it was a good opportunity for people to think about the importance of helping others and volunteering.

The San Luis Valley HIPPY sites serves five counties: Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Rio Grande and Saguache. Their 13 HIPPY Members prepared and served lunch at La Puente, a homeless shelter in Alamosa, Colorado. The menu included chili beans, corn bread, vegetables and fruit cocktail. These HIPPY Members also collected canned goods from 160 of their HIPPY families to donate to local food banks. They enjoyed the opportunity to get out into the community and serve in a new way for the day!
Johnson & Wales University students completed a total of 205 volunteer hours at five different sites on MLK Day, including:

Nutrition education for the Kaiser Permanente Health Fair @ Manual High School

Johnson & Wales University, Denver Campus

The SAME Cafe (on Colfax Avenue)

The Habitat for Humanity Outlet Store

Community Leadership Institute students and Manual High School students jointly walked in the Denver Marade carrying a banner about non-violence.

Furthermore, Johnson & Wales University (JWU) collaborated with Volunteers of America and expanded the day of service to incorporate the “40 Day Commitment to Nonviolence” at Manual High School, honoring the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.
The program commenced at Manual High School on January 16th with a viewing of "Rebels Remembered," a film that documented the civil rights movement in Colorado. Dick Alweis, the film's director, followed the showing with a Q & A session. JWU students then visited with Manual students in their high school advisory groups to witness Manual students' signing of non-violence pledges and a banner that was carried in the Marade on the 19th. JWU students also shared their experiences as college students (supporting ACCESS Colorado grant objectives to increase high school graduation and college access).

During the 40-day commitment to nonviolence, JWU will host a series of workshops for Manual High School students that further educate participants about non-violence and community organizing principles including facilitators from West High School trained by the ADL and related mural projects with 2Kool Productions.

A major objective of the JWU MLK Day programming now and in the future is to bring together a variety of community resources and partners in service to the community.
AmeriCorps*VISTA members from Colorado Campus Compact completed several service projects across the state at many different college and university campus communities.

VISTA Members organized canned food and clothing drives for at need families, mentored high school youth, and led a group of youth in the MLK, Jr. Day Marade in Denver.

AmeriCorps VISTA is the national service program designed specifically to fight poverty. Founded as Volunteers in Service to America in 1965 and incorporated into the AmeriCorps network of programs in 1993, VISTA has been on the front lines in the fight against poverty in America for more than 40 years.

Members dedicate themselves for a year or more to not only fight poverty but also build sustainable capacity among those that they help.
People from communities all across the Denver Metro Area joined together at the Food Bank of the Rockies. Volunteers helped AmeriCorps Members from Community Building Partnerships for Youth in Transition collect donations, pack boxes, clean store rooms, and organize the centers warehouse.

Food Bank of the Rockies has extended its reach across Northern Colorado and Wyoming, providing food supplies to more than 1000 hunger-relief programs. Food Bank of the Rockies has provided nearly 305 million pounds of food to our member agencies, which translates to more than 230 million meals for people in need.
Since 1990, the non-profit Martin Luther King Holiday Committee has sponsored the Martin Luther King Humanitarian Awards. These awards are given annually to community members who have “given freely from their hearts to others, given the time, talent and energy to meet unmet needs, stir hope, speak for the voiceless and build a better world, if for only one person at a time.” Recipients of the MLK Humanitarian Awards help to bring about Dr. King’s dream of an equal chance for all persons to build a better life. They demonstrate the spirit of the MLK Jr. Day of Service through their everyday lives.

Governor Bill Ritter, Jr. and Community Service/Human Rights Advocate Tamara Banks presented this year’s awards at Boettcher Concert Hall the evening of January 13, 2009.

At a special reception, Lt. Governor Barbara O’Brien and Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper gave congratulatory remarks to the honorees.

The 2009 Award honorees:
**Christie Donner**  
**Pastors Leon and Yvonne Emerson**  
**Russ Nesiba**  
**Tracy Jenkins Winchester**  
**Calvin Natt**  
**Maria Guajardo, Ph.D.**

The 2009 MLK Lifetime Achievement Award recipients:  
**Jean and Sam Guyton.**
2009 Celebration Events

Monday, January 12, 2009
Press Conference/Launching of the MLK, Jr. Torch

Tuesday, January 13, 2009
19th Annual MLK, Jr. 2008 Humanitarian and Lifetime Achievement Awards

Friday, January 16, 2009
The 18th Annual MLK Peace Awards & Breakfast
The 23rd Annual MLK Social Business Responsibility Awards Luncheon
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s 80th Birthday Celebration

Saturday, January 17, 2009
Marade Marshall Training
“Get to Cleanin’ - Remembering Memphis”
Community Meet & Greet Dinner Reception

Sunday, January 18, 2009
Highlands Ranch, Community 2009 Unity Walk and Reception
Dr. King Annual Ecumenical Service
Community Meet & Greet Dinner Reception and Registration

Monday, January 19, 2009
Martin Luther King Jr, Day of Service – Make it a day ON, not a day off
10th Annual Dr. King Jr. Breakfast Celebration Arapahoe Community College
24th Annual MLK, Jr. Marade 2009
The 24th Annual “Dinner For Those Who Hunger”
Let Freedom Ring
MLK Jr. African American Heritage Rodeo of Champions

Wednesday, January 21, 2009
17th Annual Denver Federal Executive Board (DFEB) - MLK Diversity Training Seminar

Friday, January 23, 2009
BEST’s 26th Annual MLK Scholarship Awards
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Dear Friends,

Like no other year before, the 2009 Martin Luther King Jr. National Holiday has an even deeper meaning for our nation. On the eve of his historic inauguration, President Barack Obama called for national unity and service, encouraging all Americans to dedicate themselves to a day of service in honor of Dr King’s life and legacy.

Since 1994 the Corporation for National and Community Service has promoted Martin Luther King Day as a “national day of service”. This year’s Congressional resolution reads, in part:

“Now, therefore, be it …acknowledged that by serving one’s country, one’s community and one’s neighbor our Nation makes progress in civility, equality and unity consistent with the values and life’s work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.”

Here in Colorado, the Governor’s Commission on Community Service and our partner organizations across the state have worked diligently to make the Martin Luther King Holiday “a day on, not a day off.” We are pleased with the support for this year’s statewide Day of Service. We thank the thousands of Coloradans who participated in this national day of service, and hope that this day encourages others to participate in future Martin Luther King, Jr. day community service opportunities.

As President Obama’s inauguration inspires a new era of optimism and hope, we are also mindful of the current economic crisis, and the serious human and social needs facing families and communities. By honoring the legacy of Dr King through volunteer and community service, we are actively creating the changes needed to support children, families and communities. Let us continue to work together to keep the “Colorado Promise” to make Colorado the greatest state in our nation. Please plan to join us in celebrating the 11th Annual Colorado Cares Day on Saturday, July 25, 2009. I also invite you to participate in next year’s MLK Jr. Day of Service on Monday, January 18, 2010.

Many thanks to all of you for your service,

Toya M. Nelson
Executive Director
Governor's Commission on Community Service