

# Stockton's Dr. Martin Luther King Day of Service Draws 1,000 from College and Communities

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Galloway Township, NJ - About 1,000 volunteers from The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and communities throughout South Jersey today

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Melissa Zsitkovsky, of Rio Grande in Cape May County, helped pack canned goods as part of the Stockton Center for Community Engagement's food drive.

"I just like being of service," said the junior majoring in Social Work. She's a project leader at the

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She wants the UBSS to be inclusive, she said, and she wants all students to reflect on the uses of “power, poetry and peace.”

To be effective, students first need to understand politics and the power structure, she said, and second to learn how to express themselves through writing and the arts.

“There’s power in writing,” she said.

Lastly, her aim is peace: “After we vent creatively, we have to come up with what we’re going to do next for society. Activism is not just an event of marching - it’s daily, working to right wrongs. And that has a ripple effect.”

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