

## Community Engagement Awards to be Presented During 7<sup>th</sup> Annual MLK Day of Service

Stockton College to Partner with Local Organizations for Community Service Projects on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Martin Luther King Holiday

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r service projects, which take place from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 nent Awards will be presented.

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Tara Ronda, service learning coordinator, said, "Each year since 2007, the MLK Day of Service Planning Committee has asked members of the Stockton community to nominate students, staff members and faculty with exceptional records of community service for the Stockton College Community Engagement Award."

The College will be sending groups of students, faculty and staff to volunteer at more than a dozen local organizations. Participating organizations include Absecon Manor Nursing Home, African-American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey, Atlantic County Office of Emergency Preparedness, Covenant House, Gilda's Club South Jersey and the Arc of Atlantic County.

A number of Day of Service activities will also take place on campus and are open to the public. Circle K, a student organization, will be making teddy bears and cards to send to hospitalized children; Stockton's new violence prevention group, the Green Dot Project, will be making denim ribbons to raise awareness on violence for the upcoming Wear Denim Day in April; Books Without Borders, a student organization, will be sorting and packing books to ship to less-privileged children overseas; staff members from Samaritan Hospice will be writing and decorating Valentine's Day cards for hospice patients throughout South Jersey; and the Atlantic County Chapt

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