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2014 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service UPDATED Results Report

HOPE *worldwide* volunteers and partners answer Dr. King's question, "What are you doing for others?"
by serving **130,374 people in 88 cities and towns** across the country

Wayne, PA – Volunteers across the country have spoken with their hard work rather than just words to promote the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy. Volunteers throughout the U.S. took to the streets to help reduce deaths and injuries from home fires, our nation's top disaster threat. They also helped neighbors prepare for natural disasters and served in other projects. More than **10,300 volunteers** served over **130,000 people**, **logging 40,727 hours in 38 states at 203 service sites** coordinated by HOPE *worldwide* Chapters, American Red Cross, partnering chapters and 10 organizations who were awarded sub-grants from HOPE *worldwide* through funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service.

HOPE *worldwide* Chapters collaborated with the **American Red Cross** to participate for the sixth consecutive year in the Fire Preparedness Outreach program. The 2014 MLK Day efforts reached homes across the country with critical fire safety and preparedness information. Chapters involved with the Red Cross-sponsored program used data from local fire departments to identify neighborhoods with high rates of home fires. Once areas were targeted, chapters mobilized their volunteers to distribute home fire prevention information and engage in conversations about home fire safety with residents. Additional service projects included educating neighborhoods on disaster preparedness, distributing emergency kits, construction in a camp for at-risk youth, construction of homes for needy families, service to homeless families and foster children, service at food banks, food, coat and blanket drives, community clean-up programs, service to the elderly and blood drives.

This year **21 organizations were awarded sub-grants** to lead fire prevention and disaster preparedness education projects in at-risk areas. HOPE *worldwide*, one of six National Service Team Leaders for the 2014 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, was funded by the **Corporation for National and Community Service** to engage volunteers in the "Protecting Our Neighbors" campaign. Volunteers reached out to their neighbors to help avoid deaths and injuries from home fires and natural disasters.

Over 900 HOPE *worldwide* and ARC volunteers gathered in the New York City Metro area gathered in eight locations to honor the life and legacy of Dr. King by serving their neighbors. Several hundred of these volunteers met at the Camden Street School in Newark, NJ. Students from one of the Kindergarten classes sang, danced and even were able to recite the entire famous speech, 'I Have a Dream'. Guest speakers included Mayoral Candidate Shavar Jeffries, State Senator M. Teresa Ruiz, General Assembly Member L. Grace Spencer, and Assistant Superintendent Peter Turnamian. Groups of volunteers canvassed the area around the school, educating thousands of residents about fire safety and checking for working smoke detectors. Inside the school, children enjoyed a carnival like atmosphere with face painting, balloon creations, nail stations, craft centers, obstacle courses, basketball and other games. Breakfast was provided for all volunteer and lunch was served following the event to all who attended.

Also in the NYC Metro area, 160 hearty volunteers in Haverstraw NY were joined by County Executive Ed Day, Mayor Michael Kohut, the Rockland Boulders' mascot, Boulder Bird and twenty dedicated volunteer firefighters as they remembered the life and teachings of Dr. King, allowed local children to tour fire trucks and educated over eight hundred local residents on the importance of fire safety in spite of an unexpected snowstorm which created blizzard conditions.

In Omaha, NE and Council Bluffs, IA, 152 volunteers educated 2,350 of their neighbors from areas at high risk for fires and held conversations about fire safety with 700 individuals. While canvassing, volunteers came upon a resident who was deaf. Fortunately, one of the volunteers knew sign language and was able to determine that the gentleman did not have a smoke detector, radioed the Council Bluffs Fire Department who immediately installed one. Volunteers also distributed fire safety information to the crowd at an Omaha Lancers hockey game, engaging in conversations with fans and giving away prizes, a smoke detector and an emergency kit. Recognition was given to the project over the loud speakers.

To learn more about HOPE worldwide and its work during the MLK Day of Service in 2014, please visit www.hopewww.org/MLK2014. For more information about the national day of service and the King Holiday and Service Act, please visit www.mlkday.gov.

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Clemson – Clemson, SC – HOPE *worldwide* Clemson Chapter (1/18/2014)

- 1 service location
- 44 volunteers
- 154 hours served
- **110 households received information of fire prevention**
- Volunteers met together to remember the life and teachings of Dr. King then dispersed into local neighborhoods to educate neighbors on fire safety, distributing fire prevention door-hangers and discussing fire safety tips.
- Partners: American Red Cross, Central Fire Department, Clemson Foothills Church of Christ

Lancaster – Lancaster, CA – HOPE *worldwide* Antelope Valley Chapter (1/18/2014)

- 3 service location
- 50 volunteers
- 175 hours served
- Volunteers worked at cleaning three different facilities in the Eastside Union School District in Lancaster which serves a traditionally underserved population of students, many of them English as a second language speakers.
- Partners: Eastside Union School District, Antelope Valley Church of Christ

Marietta, GA – HOPE *worldwide* North Georgia Chapter (1/24/14)

- 5 service locations
- 60 volunteers
- 105 hours served
- 685 households received information on fire prevention
- Volunteers gathered in five locations and had a time of remembrance to reflect on the life and teachings of Dr. King. They participated in a volunteer training and dispersed to local mobile home parks to distribute fire prevention materials and fire extinguishers.
- Partners: North River Church of Christ, Cobb County Fire Department

McAllen, TX – HOPE *worldwide* Rio Grande Valley Chapter (1/20/14)

- 5 service locations
- 60 volunteers
- 108 hours served
- 685 households received information on fire prevention
- Volunteers participated in a health fair for the local community.
- Partners: Rio Grande Valley Church of Christ, Rio Grande Fire Department

Minneapolis - St. Paul, MN – HOPE *worldwide* Minneapolis (1/26/14)

- 1 service location
- Volunteers will work with the American Red Cross to hold a blood drive
- Partners: Minneapolis / St. Paul Church of Christ, American Red Cross, De La Salle High School

San Antonio, TX – HOPE *worldwide* San Antonio Chapter (1/25/14)

- 1 service location
- 209 volunteers
- 607 hours served
- 1535 households received information on fire prevention
- Volunteers participated in fire prevention canvassing, educating neighbors on the importance of fire prevention.
- Partners: Mission Point Christian Church, American Red Cross, San Antonio Fire Department.

San Diego, Ca – HOPE *worldwide* San Diego North County Chapter 1/18/2014, 1/20/14,1/25/2014, 1/26/2014))

- 9 service locations
- 109 volunteers
- 323 hours served
- Volunteers coordinated outreach programs to include distribution of care packages to homeless people to include meals and park clean up, serving the elderly at a nursing home and privately, free Tennis lessons, Lagoon planting, built planter boxes for pre-school, soccer ball collection for medical team
- Partners: North County Church of Christ

Silver Springs, MD – HOPE *worldwide* - Mid-Atlantic Chapter - (1/25/14)

- 1 service location
- Volunteers will hold a ceremony to remember the life and service of Dr. King including a video presentation and overview of service by local dignitaries and community leaders. Volunteers will be trained then will disperse into the community to distribute fire safety information and discuss fire safety with residents.
- Partners: Montgomery County Church of Christ, American Red Cross of the Capital Area, Fire Marshall – State of Maryland, MD Fire and EMS, Alexandria Fire Department, Society of Fire Prevention Engineers, PEPCO

Albuquerque, NM – HOPE *worldwide* Albuquerque Chapter (1/20/14)

- 25 volunteers

- 75 hours served
- Volunteers served with a local AmeriCorps Vista program.
- Partners: Greater Albuquerque Church of Christ

Atlanta, GA – HOPE *worldwide* - Atlanta Chapter (1/20/14)

- 6 service location
- 75 volunteers
- 600 hours served
- HOPE *worldwide* Atlanta provided ushering and other services at the King Center in Atlanta and participated in a moving commemoration.
- Partners: Atlanta Metro Christian Church, Greater Atlanta Christian Church, National Park Service, City of Atlanta

Atlanta, GA – Lutheran Services of Georgia (1/20/14)

- 5 service locations
- 120 volunteers
- 725 hours served
- 5,708 households received emergency preparedness information and volunteers discussed these topics with 911 people.
- Volunteers met to view a slide presentation on the life and teachings of Dr. King, participate in prayers of intercession based on the teachings of Dr. King and sharing by community members who knew him. Volunteers received training and assembled and distributed emergency kits for refugee households and distributed disaster preparedness information.
- Partners: Southeastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Lutheran Theological Center in Atlanta, Rock of Ages Lutheran Church

Baltimore, MD - HOPE *worldwide* - Baltimore Chapter (1/20/14)

- 3 service location
- 157 volunteers
- 416 hours served
- 810 people served
- Volunteers hosted 50 teens currently in foster care, taking them to a luncheon and creative exchange of visual art and writings centered on the legacy and dreams of Dr. King and a youth performance/ discussion about the legacy and dreams of Dr. King. They also participated in a clean-up of a park in East Baltimore.
- Partners: Greater Baltimore Church of Christ, Center Stage Theater, 7th Metro Church

Boston, MA - HOPE *worldwide* - Boston Chapter - (1/18/14, 1/19/14)

- 7 service locations
- 656 volunteers
- 3,200 hours served
- Volunteers distributed fire safety information to 28,552 households and held conversations on fire safety with 1038 residents
- Volunteers met in seven locations for commemoration ceremonies then dispersed into the community to distribute information and talk to neighbors about fire safety. They also held an MLK Essay Scholarship Program for foster teens.
- Media coverage: Fox News
- Boston Church of Christ, ARC Eastern MA, Framingham Fire Department, Lowell Fire Department, Brockton Fire Department, Boston Fire Department, Boston Department of Children and Families, Home Depot

Charlotte, NC – HOPE *worldwide* - Charlotte Chapter - (1/18/14)

- 2 service locations
- 143 volunteers
- 655 hours served
- 1016 households received fire prevention and conversations on fire safety were held with 487 residents. 115 people attended the MLK Commemoration / Luncheon
- Volunteers canvassed a local neighborhood with fire prevention information and held a commemoration ceremony and luncheon to remember the life and teachings of Dr. King.
- Partners: American Red Cross, The Charlotte Church, City of Charlotte, Bette Rae Recreation Center, Safe Lite, Charlotte Fire Department, Charlotte Police Department

Chicopee, MA – HOPE *worldwide* – Pioneer Valley Chapter (1/20/14)

- 1 service location
- 32 volunteers
- 156 hours served
- 136 households reached with fire prevention information
- Volunteers distributed life-saving fire prevention information to local residents.
- Partners: Pioneer Valley Church of Christ, American Red Cross

Cincinnati, OH – HOPE worldwide – Cincinnati Chapter (1/18/14, 1/19/14)

- 3 service locations
- 182 volunteers
- 420 hours served
- 911 households received fire prevention information and volunteers held conversations about fire safety with 244 residents. 54 smoke detectors were installed and volunteers donated 64 units of blood.
- Volunteers held a ceremony to honor the life and legacy of Dr. King followed by a volunteer training. They proceeded to canvass the neighborhood of Bond Hill, educating residents on the importance of fire prevention and distributing smoke detectors and replacement batteries. Volunteers also held a blood drive in Deer Park, collecting 64 units of blood.
- Media coverage: local NBC affiliate WLWT
- Partners: Cincinnati Fire Department, Cincinnati Church of Christ, Church of the Resurrection, American Red Cross, Hoxworth Blood Center

Columbia, SC – HOPE worldwide – Columbia SC Chapter (1/18/14)

- 3 service locations
- 51 volunteers
- 203 hours served
- 105 service recipients
- Volunteers served at a residence for people with developmental disabilities, engaging in conversations and running craft classes and games. They also collected donations for a transitional housing facility and facilitated a day of remembrance for participants of a mentoring program for at-risk youth, the Hyatt Saturday Academy.
- Notable story: "Students at Hyatt Saturday Academy raved about how much they enjoyed the volunteers and how they would tell their friends about how much fun they had. Individually, students expressed to the volunteers how much their coming meant to them."
- Partners: Columbia Church of Christ, Richland County Conservation District, Joseph Keels Elementary School, Heathwood Hall Episcopal School, City of Columbia.

Dallas, TX – HOPE worldwide - Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter - (1/18/14, 1/25/14)

- 3 service locations
- 365 volunteers
- 972 hours served
- 2,398 households reached with fire prevention information
- Volunteers participated in a commemoration ceremony in four sites then canvassed local at-risk neighborhoods, distributing information on fire prevention and discussing fire prevention information with 1,071 residents.
- Partners: DFW Church of Christ, American Red Cross North Texas , North Texas Region, Dallas Fire – Rescue Department , MET Church

Denver, CO - HOPE worldwide - Denver Chapter - (1/18/14)

- 1 service location
- 184 volunteers
- 552 hours served
- Volunteers distributed fire safety information to 3129 households and held conversations about fire safety with 877 people.
- Volunteers watched a National Service video and listened to a message about how Dr. King encouraged others to serve their fellow man. They then participated in training and dispersed into neighborhoods identified as at-risk by local fire departments to distribute fire prevention information and discuss fire safety.
- Partners: Denver Church of Christ, American Red Cross - Mile High Chapter, Denver Public Schools, Cherry Creek Schools, Einstein Bagels, Jack in the Box, Qdoba Mexican Grill, Boys and Girls Club.

El Paso, TX – American Red Cross El Paso (1/20/14)

- 1 service site
- 95 volunteers
- 475 hours served
- 1,472 local residents received life-saving fire prevention information
- Volunteers and ARC staff held a commemorative ceremony in which Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech was read. Volunteers were then trained and dispersed into the local area to educate their neighbors on fire safety and distribute donated smoke detectors.
- Partners: El Paso Fire Department, Arcolor Mittal, YWCA El Paso, Wichita Church of Christ

Essex Junction, VT – Americorps Essex Chips (1/20/14)

- 6 service site
- 110 volunteers
- 275 hours served
- 325 households received fire prevention information
- A community MLK Day brunch was held where residents and volunteers engaged in a commemoration ceremony to reflect on the life and teachings of Dr. King, adding depictions of their dreams to a Dream Wall showcased at the brunch. Volunteers then dispersed into the community to educate neighbors on the importance of fire prevention.
- Notable story from program organizer: "Upon walking out to my car early this morning to bring in ingredients to prepare for brunch, I saw two of our teen center kids, Dom and Isaiah, trekking up to the brunch through the snow and bitter cold. Dom and Isaiah volunteered with us all day, and with smiles on their faces the whole way through. It warmed my heart to see them laughing with other volunteers of all ages as they helped to prepare brunch, and they chipped in on 3 total projects. They are truly awesome kids, and I feel so happy they chose to volunteer in their community on a Monday that they could have spent sleeping in."
- Partners: Essex Junction Fire Department, Heavenly Food Pantry, Essex Rescue, Red Cross Burlington Chapter, United Way, Essex Junction Recreation and Parks, Lucy's House, Essex High School, Winooski Youth Programs, Village of Essex Junction, Costco, Sweet Clover Market, City Market

Fresno, CA - HOPE worldwide Fresno Chapter - (1/19/14)

- 1 service location
- 85 volunteers
- 170 hours served
- 2000 households received fire prevention information
- Volunteers distributed information on fire prevention to areas identified as at-risk.
- Partners: Central Valley Church of Christ, American Red Cross Fresno

Gainesville, FL – HOPE worldwide Gainesville Chapter (1/18/14 – 1/20/14)

- 2 service locations
- 35 volunteers
- 150 hours served
- Volunteers held a fire safety fair for local families. They had a visit from the ARC Scrubby the Bear and taught participants what a smoke alarm sounds like and how to crawl to get out of a fire.
- Partners: Gainesville Christian Church, American Red Cross, Gainesville Fire Rescue, O2B Kids, Home Depot, Alachua County CERT

Gulfport, MS – Mississippi Gulf Coast Medical Reserve Corps (1/20/14)

- 3 service sites
- 120 volunteers
- 728 hours served
- 4,000 households received fire prevention materials
- Volunteers rallied together to participate in an opening ceremony in which they reflected on the MLK legacy then dispersed into the high-risk coastal area, handing out information on fire prevention. Volunteers then returned to have lunch together and listen to Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech. Volunteers also marched in the local MLK parade. The event was opened by the Harrison County Fire Chief.
- Partners: Mississippi Gulf Coast Black Nurses Association, American Red Cross, Fire Marshall's Office, Prevention and Information / National Fire Programs, US Fire Administration, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security, Job Corps, Lamar Billboard, WJZD, Clear Channel Radio

Henniker, NH – Alchemists Workshop (1/20/14)

- 3 service sites
- 150 volunteers
- 750 hours served
- 720 households directly educated about disaster preparedness; another 1200 educated via media, flyers distributed at schools.
- Volunteers showed a slide-show presentation about Dr. King's life which included original music performed by young people, followed by a play about Dr. King's children being brought to New Hampshire after his death to hide from would-be killers and the press. Preparedness presentations were then held and audience members became volunteers, preparing emergency preparedness kits which will be handed out in the community. In addition, teams of performers canvassed local neighborhoods, distributing information on disaster preparedness.
- Partners: Henniker Youth Theater, Henniker Seniors' Center, Weare Historical Society, Town of Henniker Teen Center / Community Center, Henniker Congregational Church

Herndon, VA – HOPE worldwide Northern Virginia Chapter (1/20/14)

- 3 service locations
- 112 volunteers
- 350 hours served
- 1746 residents received fire prevention materials and volunteer discussed fire safety with 492 people.
- Volunteers met together to remember the life and teachings of Dr. King then dispersed into local neighborhoods to educate neighbors on fire safety, distributing fire prevention door-hangers and discussing fire safety tips.
- Partners: Northern Virginia Church of Christ, American Red Cross

Houston, TX – HOPE *worldwide* - Houston Chapter (1/20/14)

- 2 service sites
- 290 volunteers
- 1160 hours served
- 4850 households received information on fire prevention
- Volunteers served at a local food bank and participated in a canvassing event to educate residents of a high-risk neighborhood about the importance of fire safety.
- Media coverage: Houston channel 13
- Partners: The Greater Houston Church, Houston Food Bank, American Red Cross, University of Houston, Houston Fire Department, American Red Cross Houston

Indianapolis, IN – American Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis (1/18/14 - 1/20/14)

- 7 service sites
- 321 volunteers
- 605 hours served
- 2,000 local residents received information and training on disaster preparedness
- Prior to the day of service, volunteers met together to remember the life and teachings of Dr. King then participated in a ninety minute training on preparing communities to protect, mitigate and recover from disasters with an emphasis on the needs of seniors and persons with disabilities. On MLK Day, the volunteers dispersed into several senior centers, conducting disaster preparedness training and distributing information to all residents.
- Notable story: Shirley Tandy, a Red Cross volunteer, on why she loves being involved in the Senior Preparedness Program. "I volunteer with the Red Cross to help seniors, but the program has helped me get my family prepared. If there is a disaster, we will have a plan and be more comfortable."
- Partners: CNO Financial, IU School of Public Health, Tiffany Circle

Jackson, MS – HOPE *worldwide* - Jackson Chapter - (1/19/14)

- 1 service site
- 8 volunteers
- 24 hours served
- 40 people served
- Volunteers prepared 50 hygiene kits and distributed them to residents at a homeless shelter.
- Notable story: The Jackson Chapter Director writes: The Jackson HOPE *worldwide* chapter had an idea to reach out to one of our community shelters, The Gateway Rescue Mission. Jackson, like a lot of the rest of the country, has experienced some unusually cold weather this winter. After speaking with their volunteer coordinator and explaining our desire to do something in honor of the MLK Day of service, we determined that we could perhaps provide some kind of donation. The Rescue Mission has a 40 bed overnight men's shelter and they provide each person that comes into the shelter for the first time with personal hygiene items. The Jackson Chapter put together 50 kits and we delivered them on Sunday, Jan. 19th. We were given a tour of the facility by one of their peer counselors who explained to us what services they offer at the Mission. He himself had gone through a recovery program there and was now assisting others. Listening to this man share some of his life experience was inspiring and humbling. We left assuring them that we hoped to build a relationship with the Mission in which we could serve them on a more regular basis. One of our Chapter members had once been in similar circumstances in his own life and shared that it had meant a lot to him to give back in this small way."
- Partners: The Jackson Church, Gateway Rescue Mission

Jacksonville, FL – HOPE *worldwide* Jacksonville Chapter - (1/17/14 – 1/18/14)

- 2 service sites
- 25 volunteers
- 50 hours served
- 400 homeless people and at-risk teens served
- Volunteers cooked and served breakfast to 300 homeless people and participated in a Power of Peace project, educating at-risk teens and their families on non-violence initiatives.
- Notable story: at the Clara White Mission, several of the service recipients expressed happiness that volunteers remembered their names from prior service programs.
- Partners: Jacksonville Church of Christ, The Power of Peace Project, Hawthorn Suites, Clara White Mission

Las Vegas, NV – American Red Cross Southern Nevada (1/20/14)

- 4 service sites
- 83 volunteers
- 261 hours served
- 1,679 households received fire prevention materials, volunteers discussed fire safety with 378 people
- Volunteer leaders and staff assembled at five different fire houses and read quotes from the teachings of Dr. King, explaining why his legacy demonstrates the importance of community service. Training was then done and volunteers dispersed into the community, providing educational materials and creating awareness of the threat of home fires.
- Partners: Clark County Fire Department, Las Vegas Fire Department, North Las Vegas Fire Department, Henderson Fire Department, United Way, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Kiwanis Key Clubs, Clark County School District, Las Vegas Metro Police, College of Southern Nevada, University of Nevada Las Vegas

Las Vegas, NV – HOPE worldwide Las Vegas Chapter (1/20/14)

- 1 service site
- 35 volunteers
- 70 hours served
- Volunteers beautified an elementary school located in a low-income area by painting
- Partners: Greater Las Vegas Church of Christ

Lawrence, KS – HOPE worldwide Lawrence Chapter (1/15/14 – 1/20/14)

- 1 service site
- 101 volunteers
- Volunteers held a winter wear drive, collecting coats, scarves and other winter apparel and donated items to a local homeless shelter. This effort will continue through the month of January.
- Partners: Lawrence Church of Christ

Los Angeles, CA – HOPE worldwide Southern California Chapter (1/18/14 – 1/19/14)

- 33 service sites
- 2,461 volunteers
- 12,069 hours served
- 7,615 people served
- Volunteers met together in 33 locations and cities in the greater Los Angeles area to remember the life and teachings of Dr. King through community service. They held a barbecue for foster children, conducted a beautification of a veteran's hospital, a children's carnival, a community clean-up, fed homeless people, donated blood and books, canvassed with fire prevention information, visited a nursing home, put together emergency food boxes, cleaned up a state park, assisted at a therapeutic horseback riding facility and conducted a high school beautification and community planting.
- Notable story: A group of volunteers from Long Beach visited with blind veterans and were treated to a chess lesson by the very people they were serving.
- Partners: Los Angeles International Church of Christ, American Red Cross, Department of Child and Family Services of LA, Veteran's Administration, San Bernardino Public Schools, Habitat for Humanity, Krispy Kreme.

Manalapan, NJ – HOPE worldwide Central Jersey Chapter (1/18/14)

- 5 service sites
- 206 volunteers
- 923 hours served
- 4,487 households reached with fire safety information
- Volunteers held a commemorative ceremony honoring the life and legacy of Dr. King which included a speech from a man who lived through the civil rights movement and noting changes that have taken place. Volunteers then dispersed into the local community to distribute information on fire safety and discuss fire prevention with residents.
- Notable stories: the event organizer writes, "While canvassing, our volunteers met one family that has spent the last year since Super Storm Sandy repairing their home. During the first very cold winter storm this winter, their pipes froze and burst, causing new damage to their newly-repaired home. Even though this story itself is not "inspirational", talking to this family reiterated just how important it is to spread the word about winter storm preparedness, as well as the other safety and disaster preparedness information we gave while canvassing. That family expressed their gratitude for our service in the community. Another homeowner that we served during our MLK Day in 2013 recently called us to ask us for more help. She has been waiting over a year to get insurance money to come through in order to rent a "pod" for storing her belongings, and she just got that pod. Our local HOPE worldwide volunteers are going to help her move her furniture into her pod this coming Saturday, January 25th. This is inspirational because homeowners still contact us even now as a result of the help they received from us during the last MLK event we carried out. It shows us the significant impact we have had in the community: the homeowners know who to call, and that they can count on us to come through for them."
- Partners: Central Jersey Church of Christ, Shore Points Church, American Red Cross, NJ 2-1-1, Manhattan Bagel, Wegmans Supermarket, Toms River School District, Target, Colonial American Bank, Roche, Delbarton School, Union Beach School District, Keansburg School District.

Memphis, TN - HOPE worldwide- Memphis Chapter - (1/18/14)

- 1 service location
- 25 volunteers
- 50 hours served
- Volunteers participated in disaster preparedness training in order to respond to future disasters and also sorted and folded blankets to be used in ARC shelters.
- Partners: The Memphis Church, American Red Cross Memphis

Milwaukee, WI – HOPE worldwide – Milwaukee Chapter (1/20/14)

- 1 service location
- 105 volunteers
- 405 hours served
- 2,406 households received fire prevention information and volunteers reviewed fire safety procedures with 306 people.

- Volunteers braved frigid temperatures to meet with partners and community members to honor the life and teachings of Dr. King, then dispersed into neighborhoods identified as “at risk” with fire prevention materials. Areas covered by 10 zip codes were canvassed.
- Media coverage: <http://fox6now.com/2014/01/20/milwaukee-hosts-states-largest-ceremony-honoring-dr-mlk-jr/>
- Partners: Milwaukee Church of Christ, American Red Cross of Northern Wisconsin, City of Milwaukee Fire Department, Milwaukee Fire Department Cadets, Brotherhood of the Milwaukee Fire Department, Local Firefighters Union 215, City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin FBV Public Affairs Department, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Upsilon Mu Omega, Milwaukee County, City of Milwaukee Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

Nashville, TN - Hands On Nashville, Inc. - (1/18/14 – 1/20/14)

- 10 service locations
- 794 volunteers
- 2,502 hours served
- 19,559 households educated with fire prevention materials
- Day of Service programs in all locations began with ceremonies communicating Dr. King’s core message about service, linked to the “Protecting our Neighbors” theme. After a time of training, volunteers conducted door-to-door outreach in the neighborhoods, instructing residents on fire safety and prevention and distributing materials. Volunteers also painted local community centers.
- Notable story: “Volunteering through Hands On Nashville to help paint the Old Hickory Community Center was a very fulfilling experience! I grew up in Old Hickory and spent a lot of time hanging out at the Community Center. I learned to play basketball, pool, and ping-pong and attended Cub Scout meetings there. As a matter of fact, the room I helped paint is where my Cub Scout den used to meet. Talk about bringing back some memories! There was no excuse for boredom as long as the Community Center’s doors were open. Although I no longer live in Old Hickory Village, it felt great giving something back to the community where I was raised. It’s good to know that Old Hickory kids still have a safe place to go. Hats off to Hands On Nashville and all the hard working volunteers!” Gary Scott, Volunteer
- Media coverage: <http://www.newschannel5.com/story/24483450/at-least-200-volunteers-needed-for-mlk-day-of-service>, <http://www.newschannel5.com/story/24496614/events-held-in-mid-state-in-honor-of-mlk-day>, <http://www.fox17.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/mlk-events-middle-tennessee-19047.shtml>
- Partners: Nashville Fire Department, Metro Parks and Recreation, Congressman Jim Cooper, Mayor Karl Dean and the Office of the Mayor; Impact Nashville, Council Members, Nashville Fire Department; Regions Bank, PPG Porter Paints, Advance Financial, Belmont University Center for Executive Education, Leadership Music, Starbucks and Tennessee State University;

Newark, NJ – HOPE worldwide NY Metro Chapter (1/18/14 – 1/20/14)

- 8 service locations
- 900 volunteers
- 4200 hours served
- 6,000 households reached with fire prevention information.
- Over 900 HOPE worldwide and ARC volunteers gathered in the New York City Metro area gathered in eight locations to honor the life and legacy of Dr. King by serving their neighbors. Several hundred of these volunteers met at the Camden Street School in Newark, NJ. Students from one of the Kindergarten classes sang, danced and even were able to recite the entire famous speech, 'I Have a Dream'. Guest speakers included Mayoral Candidate Shavar Jeffries, State Senator M. Teresa Ruiz, General Assembly Member L. Grace Spencer, and Assistant Superintendent Peter Turnamian. Groups of volunteers canvassed the area around the school, educating thousands of residents about fire safety and checking for working smoke detectors. Inside the school, children enjoyed a carnival like atmosphere with face painting, balloon creations, nail stations, craft centers, obstacle courses, basketball and other games. Also in the NYC Metro area, 160 hearty volunteers in Haverstraw NY were joined by County Executive Ed Day, Mayor Michael Kohut, the Rockland Boulders’ mascot, Boulder Bird and twenty dedicated volunteer firefighters as they remembered the life and teachings of Dr. King, allowed local children to tour fire trucks and educated over eight hundred local residents on the importance of fire safety in spite of an unexpected snowstorm which created blizzard conditions.
- Media coverage: http://www.silive.com/news/index.ssf/2014/01/volunteers_help_rebuild_sandy-.html#incart_river, <http://www.myfoxny.com/story/24490253/spirit-of-martin-luther-king-jr-inspires-volunteers-to-help-sandy-victims>, <http://www.lohud.com/apps/pbcs.dll/gallery?avis=bh&dato=20140118&kategori=news&lopernr=301180045&ref=ph&gcheck=1>
- Partners: The NYC Church of Christ, American Red Cross, Haverstraw Fire Department, Camden School, Faith Based Leadership, Haverstraw Community Center, Haverstraw Fire Department, Rockland County Healthy Neighborhoods program

Newport News, VA – American Red Cross, Hampton Roads (1/18/14)

- 2 service location
- 60 volunteers
- 300 hours served
- Volunteers provided fire prevention information to almost 2,000 local residents and information to 350 seniors on disaster preparedness.
- Volunteers and ARC staff held a commemorative ceremony remembering Dr. King with the hopes of directly influencing social change through Dr. King’s teachings. Volunteers then canvassed predominately senior communities, identified as high risk for injury / death in fires in the city of Newport News to distribute fire prevention information and disaster kits. Volunteers discussed how to develop an emergency plan and other important information.
- Media Coverage: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CjisNGVOWpo>
- Partners: Northampton Chapter of Lions International, City of Newport News Community Emergency Response Team, Red Cross Clubs, State Farm Insurance, AmeriCorps, Lions Club – North Hampton Chapter, Langley Air Force Base, Fort Eustis Joint Base.

Oklahoma City, OK - HOPE worldwide Oklahoma City Chapter - (1/18/14)

- 1 service location
- 105 volunteers
- 552 hours served
- 1,120 households received youth-focused fire prevention materials, volunteers had conversations with 435 residents about fire safety and fire fighters inspected 50 homes, installing smoke detectors where needed.
- Volunteers viewed a slideshow about the life and legacy of Dr. King, participated in training then dispersed into high risk communities to distribute fire prevention door hangers and talk to residents about fire safety. They also provided disaster preparedness activity stations where volunteers learned about disaster preparedness and made themselves an emergency kit.
- Notable story: At one home, children told volunteers that their parents were asleep. Volunteers returned later and identified the home as lacking a smoke detector. They contacted the Fire Department, who installed a smoke detector that day. Another elderly resident told volunteers that she had seen an article in the local paper about the canvassing and had been waiting for the volunteers. She was concerned about fire safety because one of her neighbors endured a house fire a few weeks earlier because they did not have working smoke detectors.
- Media Coverage: <http://www.okcfox.com/story/24488635/volunteers-pass-out-fire-safety-information-in-midwest-city>; <http://newsok.com/oklahoma-news-briefs-for-jan.-17/article/3924514>
- Partners: Oklahoma City International Church of Christ, American Red Cross, Oklahoma City Fire Department, Dell, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Grainger

Omaha, NE – HOPE worldwide - Omaha Chapter - (1/18/14 – 1/19/14)

- 3 service locations
- 152 volunteers
- 318 hours served
- 2,350 households received fire prevention information, 700 conversations on fire safety
- In Omaha, NE and Council Bluffs, IA, 152 volunteers educated 2,350 of their neighbors from areas at high risk for fires and held conversations about fire safety with 700 individuals. Volunteers also distributed fire safety information to the crowd at an Omaha Lancers hockey game, engaging in conversations with fans and giving away prizes, a smoke detector and an emergency kit. Recognition was given to the project over the loud speakers.
- Notable story: While canvassing, volunteers came upon a resident who was deaf. Fortunately, one of the volunteers knew sign language and was able to determine that the gentleman did not have a smoke detector, radioed the Council Bluffs Fire Department who immediately installed one.
- Media Coverage: KETV Channel 7 - <http://www.ketv.com/news/local-news/Volunteers-spread-message-of-service-safety/-/9674510/18208832/-/7679s0z/-/index.html>
- Partners: Omaha Church of Christ, American Red Cross, Ralston Fire Department, Council Bluffs Fire Department, AmeriCorps, Petrows Restaurant, Jimmy Johns

Philadelphia, PA - HOPE worldwide Greater Philadelphia Chapter - (1/18/14)

- 1 service location
- 306 volunteers
- 2142 hours served
- 1,500 residents received fire prevention information and smoke detectors were installed in 80 homes.
- Volunteers held a rally where speakers recited excerpts from Dr. King's speeches and shared about what the words meant to them. The Philadelphia Fire Department then conducted a fire safety and smoke detector installation training before volunteers dispersed into at-risk neighborhoods to educate residents about fire safety and install smoke detectors.
- Notable story: the event organizer writes: "In the opening speech to volunteers, the Philadelphia Fire Commissioner was visibly moved by the excitement and number of volunteers that showed up to reach out to the poor in West Philadelphia. The Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner joined a team of volunteers in installing detectors in resident's homes."
- Media coverage: <http://abclocal.go.com/wpvi/story?section=news/local&id=9398540&rss=rss-wpvi-article-9398540>
- Partners: Greater Philadelphia Church of Christ, Philadelphia Fire Department, American Red Cross, Boy Latin Charter School, Global Citizen, Praise 103.9

Phoenix, AZ – HOPE worldwide Phoenix Chapter (1/18/14)

- 1 service location
- 50 volunteers
- 168 hours served
- 682 households received fire prevention materials
- Volunteers participated in a canvassing event, distributing information about fire safety to residents in at-risk neighborhoods.
- Notable story: a volunteer wrote: "We meet an 80 year old woman who had no smoke alarms and lives alone. She said her neighbor does all of the electrical work. My door knocking partner was a Glendale firefighter and all of these details concerned us. The Glendale fire department is installing smoke detectors and keeping an eye on her now that they know about her. She lives very close to the local fire house." The event was attended by Glendale City Mayor Jerry Weiers.
- Media Coverage: <http://knxv.m0bl.net/r/1s1oyq>
- Partners: Phoenix Church of Christ, American Red Cross, Glendale Fire Department, Glendale Mayor's Office

Portland, OR – HOPE worldwide - Portland Chapter - (1/18/14, 1/20/14)

- 1 service location
- 60 volunteers
- 200 hours served
- Volunteers served at the Oregon Food Bank to honor the life of Dr. King with service, repackaging bulk food and preparing it for distribution
- Partners: Portland International Church of Christ, Oregon Food Bank

Reno, NV – American Red Cross Northern Nevada (1/20/14)

- 4 service locations
- 69 volunteers
- 220 hours served
- 1600 households educated with fire prevention information
- Volunteers in four sites presented information about the life and teachings of Dr. King and disaster preparedness / home hazards then dispersed into neighborhoods to engage residents in conversations about emergency preparedness kits, emergency plans, home hazards and disaster preparedness.
- Partners: Reno Fire Department, Elko Fire Department, North Lake Tahoe Fire Department, Starbuck

Reno, NV – HOPE worldwide Reno (1/19/14)

- 1 service location
- 40 volunteers
- 100 hours served
- 350 homeless people served
- Volunteers created hygiene kits made from new socks stuffed with toiletries and distributed them at a local shelter and in the surrounding area.
- Notable story: "Many of us had our children with us as we handed out socks and toiletries to the many people living inside and outside at the shelter on Record Street. We met many wonderful men, women and children who were all so grateful for the gifts. They were especially happy to see the children out there helping. We also served hot coffee and hot chocolate. It was a wonderful experience for all who were able to come serve people in need!"
- Partners: Greater Reno Church of Christ

Roanoke, VA – HOPE worldwide - Roanoke Valley Chapter - (1/20/14)

- 1 service location
- 58 volunteers
- 165 households educated with fire-prevention information
- 145 hours served
- Volunteers participated in fire prevention canvassing in a high-fire area
- Notable story: volunteers met a number of people who did not have working batteries in their smoke detectors in a neighborhood where evidence of earlier house fires was abundantly evident.
- Media coverage: <http://www.wdbj7.com/news/local/roanoke-event-honors-king-with-focus-on-fire-safety/-/20128466/24022862/-/spymmm/-/index.html>, wsls.com/category/254605/local-news/
- Partners: Roanoke Valley Church of Christ, American Red Cross, Roanoke Fire EMS, Roanoke Police Department.

San Diego, Ca – HOPE worldwide San Diego Mission Chapter (1/20/14)

- 5 service locations
- 102 volunteers
- 204 hours served
- 169 individuals served
- Volunteers conducted a blanket drive for homeless residents and purchased, prepared and served meals to multiple homeless families. They also conducted a neighborhood and park clean-up.
- Partners: San Diego Church of Christ

Seattle, WA - HOPE worldwide – Seattle Chapter (1/20/14)

- 3 service locations
- 219 volunteers
- 438 hours served
- Volunteers assembled 7,137 emergency kits
- Volunteers in three locations met to assemble disaster kits, both child and adult and participate in Red Cross presentations about disaster preparedness. Activities were provided for children.
- Partners: Seattle Church of Christ, American Red Cross Seattle

Stafford, VA – HOPE *worldwide* Potomac Valley Chapter (1/18/14)

- 6 service locations
- 90 volunteers
- 180 hours served
- Volunteers served, sang with, visited and conducted arts and crafts classes with residents from six local nursing homes
- Notable story: the event organizer writes: “The residents were so thrilled to have us there. They shared their life stories, sang songs with us and had a great time playing games, panting, and creating crafts. Charles, who is 73 years old, played checkers for the first time in his life and loved it!!”
- Partners: Potomac Valley Church of Christ

Spokane, WA – HOPE *worldwide* - Spokane Chapter - (1/18/14)

- 1 service location
- 20 volunteers
- 160 hours served
- Volunteers assisted crews at a Habitat for Humanity project site
- Partners: Spokane Church of Christ, Habitat for Humanity, Tri-Cities Church of Christ

Tallahassee, FL – HOPE *worldwide* Capital City Chapter (1/20/14)

- 1 service location
- 47 volunteers
- 141 hours served
- 500 residents were given fire prevention materials
- Volunteers ran a fire safety fair in a park and conducted door – to-door fire safety prevention education.
- Partners: Capital City Church of Christ, American Red Cross

Talkeetna, AK – HOPE *worldwide* Alaska Chapter (1/20/14)

- 6 service locations
- 65 volunteers
- 266 hours served
- Volunteers built beds, sewed mattress covers, made repairs for a camp in Talkeetna to prepare it for use with at-risk youth.
- Partners: Great Land Christian Church, Publix Self Storage

Wichita, KS – HOPE *worldwide* Wichita Chapter (1/19/14)

- 1 service location
- 55 volunteers
- 101 hours served
- Volunteers organized a blood drive and boosted attendance by showing the Broncos and Patriots playoff game and serving lunch. The group collected 24 pints of blood, potentially saving 72 lives.
- Notable story: the Chapter received a letter from the local Red Cross chapter stating: “Congratulation on coordinating your first blood drive. You did AWESOME!!!”
- Partners: Wichita Church of Christ, American Red Cross