

# Weekend of MLK Service Projects

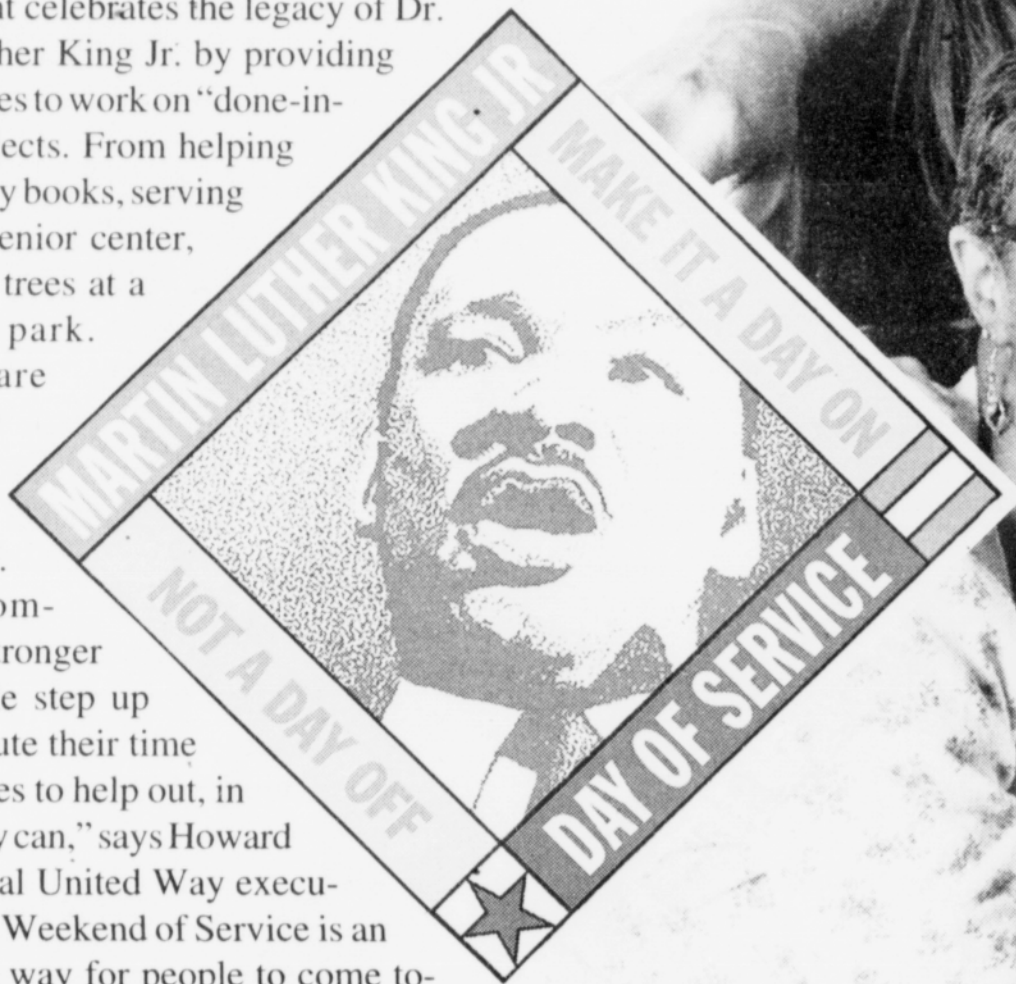
## United Way leads effort

United Way of the Columbia-Willamette's Martin Luther King Weekend of Service – scheduled for Friday Jan. 15 through Monday, Jan. 18 – has generated commitments from more than 2,000 individuals volunteering to help with more than 70 community service projects, a public works blitz that promises to be the largest MLK Weekend of Service in the region.

The event celebrates the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by providing opportunities to work on "done-in-a-day" projects. From helping cover library books, serving a meal at senior center, to planting trees at a local park. Projects are available for people of all ages and abilities.

"Our community is stronger when people step up and contribute their time and resources to help out, in any way they can," says Howard Klink, a local United Way executive. "MLK Weekend of Service is an outstanding way for people to come together and work on community projects right in their neighborhoods."

"Everyone knows that times are tough for a lot of people right now," says Andy Nelson, Executive Director of Hands On Greater Portland, an organization partnering with United Way in the service project.



United Way of the Columbia-Willamette supports youth in the community and promotes diversity.

By investing in Hands On's volunteer mobilization and management systems, United Way is advancing the common good by creating opportunities to get involved in helping people, changing lives and building our community.

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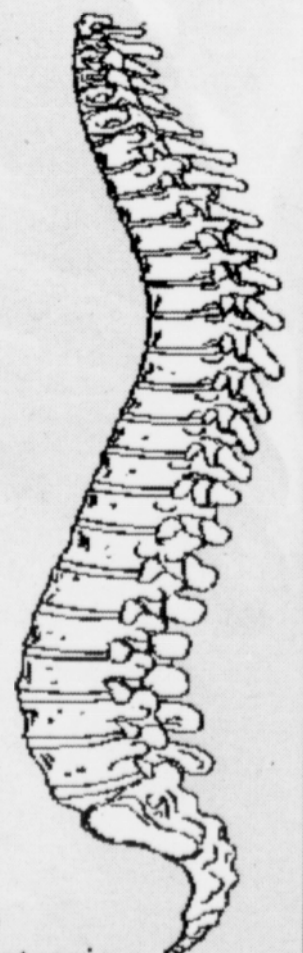
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