

# Oregon Volunteers Solve Problems

## Advancing equality, social justice and opportunity for all

Oregon Volunteers, the state commission on voluntary action and service, joins great organizations throughout the state in leading a public service initiative on the 25th anniversary of the Dr. Mar-

tin Luther King Jr. day holiday. Organizers see the anniversary milestone as a perfect opportunity for Americans to remember Dr. King's life and legacy and to honor him by tak-

ing action to solve problems in their communities.

On Monday, Jan. 17, volunteers from across Oregon will take part in projects in their communities, joining hundreds of thousands of Americans by serving others and making the holiday "a day on, not a day off".

"Oregon values the same principles Martin Luther King de-



Volunteers from throughout Oregon come together in Portland to collectively recite the AmeriCorps pledge during a day of training and inspiration. AmeriCorps joins the group Oregon Volunteers to remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and legacy and to honor him by taking action to solve problems in their communities.

**"Keep Alive The Dream"**  
Tribute to: Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**26th Anniversary**

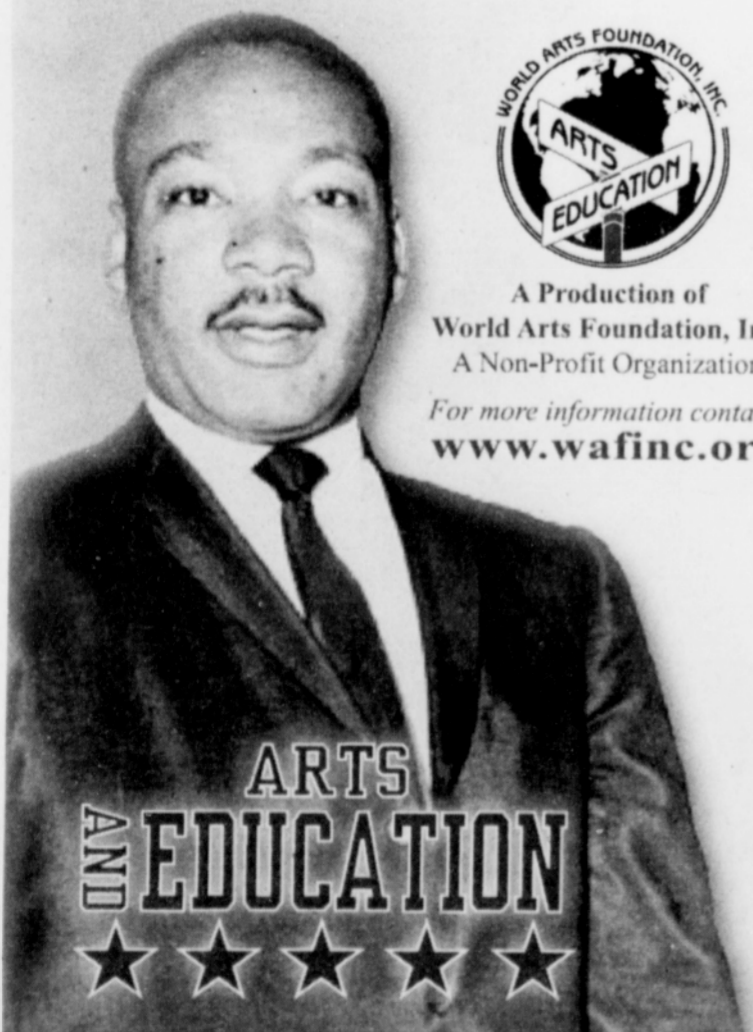
**Highland Christian Center**  
7600 N.E. Glisan, Portland, Oregon 97213  
**Monday January 17, 2011**  
11:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

**Keynote Speakers:** Lou Radja (International Speaker/Coach), Carole Smith (PPS), Commissioner Loretta Smith, Dr. Charles Schlimpert, Commissioner Nick Fish, Dr. W.G. Hardy, Margaret Carter, Gail Rasmussen (OEA), Bishop Grace Osborne, Gwen Sullivan (PAT), Sunshine Dixon, Senator Lew Frederick, Frank Garcia (Oregon State Bar), Michael "Chappie" Grice, President World Arts Foundation, Inc. and more.

**Invited artist:** Choirs from Portland Public Schools, Jefferson Dancers, Highland Choir, Janice Scroggins, Linda Hornbuckle, LaRonda Steele, Voices of Deliverance, Life Change Christian Center Adult Choir, Calvin Almon, Windy Jackson, Joyful, Abdul Hall, Elton Jones & N'Touch, Emmanuel Temple Church Choir, Norman Sylvester, Inspirational Sounds (Eugene, OR), Aaron Meyer, Angie Shields & Devine Connection (Seattle, WA).

The entire program will be simulcast live on KBOO Radio (90.7 FM) including the World Wide Web), Broadcast live on Portland Community Media (Ch.11), & tape-delay on Portland Public Schools Television Services (Ch.28) 4:00-11:00 pm.

*"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically... Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."*



A Production of World Arts Foundation, Inc. A Non-Profit Organization For more information contact: [www.wafinc.org](http://www.wafinc.org)

**Artist Display, Vendor's Bazaar "Dreamers Village" & Special Food Court!**

\*Donation: \$5 or five non-perishable food items.

- S** Portland Public Schools
- P** Portland Association of Teachers
- O** City of Portland
- N** Regional Arts & Cultural Council (RACC)
- S** The Oregonian
- O** Caldwell's, Hennessey, Goetsch & McGee,
- R** Ross Hollywood, Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes
- S** Oregon Education Association
- Providence Health & Services
- Concordia University
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car
- Portland General Electric
- African American Chamber of Commerce
- Walmart
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voted his life to advancing equality, social justice, and opportunity for all," said Oregon Volunteers' Executive Director Kathleen Joy. "Throughout the state, our communities are thrilled to be a part of this day of service. Dr. King's inspiration and sacrifice calls for us to join together in service, creating equal opportunity for every individual to enjoy happiness."

Oregon Volunteers has granted mini-grants to eight service projects in support of the holiday:

Bend -- AmeriCorps HOPE and Human Dignity Coalition. An open mic night will be held at a local restaurant featuring story telling and tabling with a focus on appreciation of diversity and the life and teachings of MLK Jr.

Portland -- Clara Barton VISTA and Hands on Greater Portland. Community volunteers and residents will refresh the Volunteers of America Men's Residence Center with new paint in 11 rooms.

Eugene -- AmeriCorps HOPE, Lane County Department of Children & Families. Improvements will be made on a youth space for Lane County Department of Children and Families by engaging adults and youth in paint-

ing the space to reflect youth interests and choices. The event will include music, and an educational presentation.

Portland -- AmeriCorps HOPE and Outside In. Transitional youth will work to create a book of stories and poems that will then be presented in an assembly to Chief Joseph Elementary School students to learn from one another and understand the teachings of Martin Luther King Jr.

Tigard -- Oregon State Service Corps & Community Partners for Affordable Housing. The community and youth will work to improve a community center and playground to launch them as the location for after school activities.

Bend -- Oregon State Service Corps and the Bend Community Center. A Bike Shed Service Day will take place to fix and maintain bikes for the homeless community while connecting the community in a MLK Day reflection period.

Corvallis -- Building Bridges VISTA and Linn Benton Food Share. A food drive will be held using volunteers stationed at local grocery stores in Corvallis and Albany to collect food benefiting the Linn Benton Food

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