



Keith Thomajan has a welcome out for volunteers.

Sign Up for Community Service Projects

Volunteers honor King's call to action

Hands On Greater Portland, the volunteer arm of United Way of the Columbia-Willamette, is coordinating 60 volunteer service projects as part of its Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend of Service, to be held Jan. 15 through the MLK holiday on Jan. 19.

Now in its eighth year, the effort is part of a nationwide day of service designed to mobilize tens of thousands of caring individuals around the nation to volunteer in service to others and celebrate the life and legacy of the late Dr. King.

Last January, more than 1,000 volunteers in the four-county Portland area, answered the call by participating through 46 separate volunteer projects across the region totaling 3,900 hours of volunteer service.

"The great Martin Luther King Jr. once said, 'Everybody can be

great because anybody can serve,'" said Keith Thomajan, United Way's chief executive officer for the Columbia-Willamette chapter.

"We know that our region's best work comes up and out of the communities we serve. That's why, on this special weekend of service, we are inviting every resident in our region to join us—to link arms with us—to come together to accelerate positive change in our four counties. We hope you'll join us and help us realize Dr. King's dream," Thomajan said.

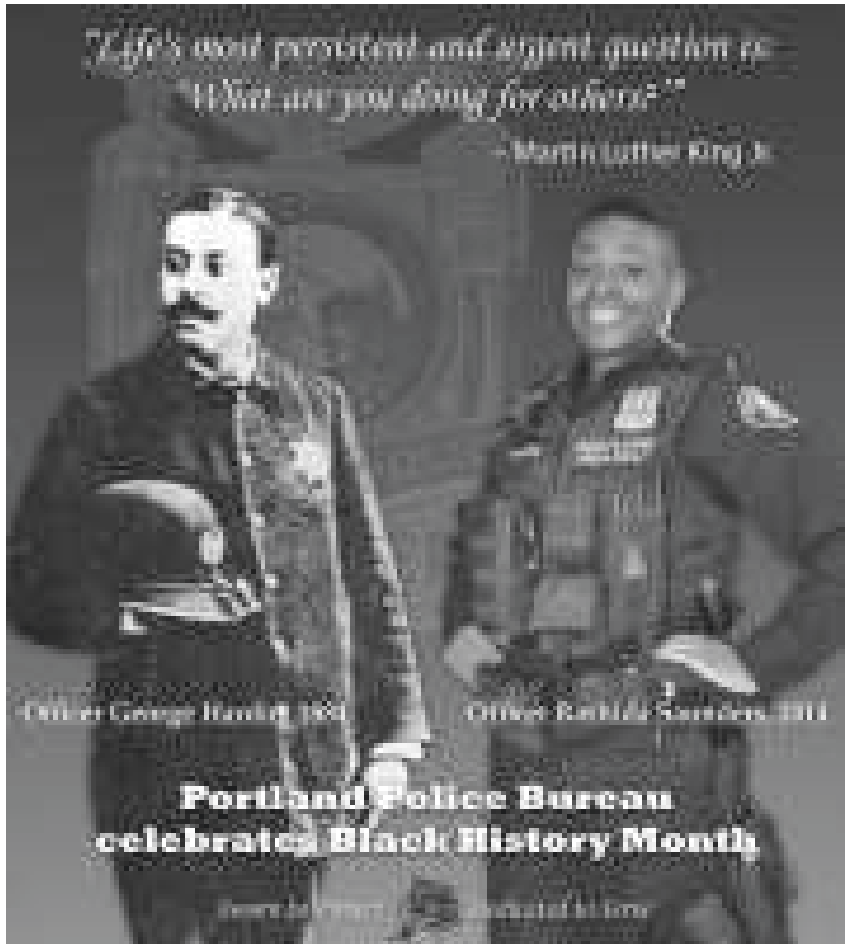
Volunteer projects taking place during the Martin Luther King Weekend of Service include restoration and refurbishing projects at schools and community centers, sorting food and clothing, serving meals, home repairs, planting trees, and more.

Registration for the MLK Weekend of Service is now open. Available volunteer opportunities and more information can be viewed at unitedway-pdx.org/mlk-weekend.

Love is a force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.



-- Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



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