2016
Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Project

State of Iowa
Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Planning Committee

"Everybody can be great because anybody can serve." Americans in communities across the nation took these words of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to heart January 19, 1998, making the King Holiday a day of service – A Day On, Not a Day Off.

With the leadership of national service programs, communities are transforming the observance of Rev. Dr. King's birthday into a day of service, fulfilling the goal of the King Holiday and Service Act of 1994. Throughout the nation, on this day, service activities reflect Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.' life and teachings, bring people together, break down barriers, and help solve problems through citizen action.

The State of Iowa's Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Planning Committee would like to extend this opportunity to you, as a citizen of Iowa, to get involved by participating in some type of service project to strengthen your community. The Planning Committee will present a Service Project Award to the project that best represents Rev. Dr. King's call to service. Following are just some examples of worth-while service projects: literacy programs, renovating low-income and senior housing, organizing neighborhood watches, building playgrounds, restoring schools, delivering services to the elderly or homeless, serving as companions to youth or elderly, reading to children at shelters, and mentoring youth.

To be considered for the Service Project Award, your project should be completed or in progress by December 2014. Please provide a brief description of your service project and its impact on your community, using the attached form. Mail or fax the completed form to the address or fax number listed. The award will be given to the individual, group or organization whose project has had the greatest impact on their respective communities. The award will be presented at the Annual State of Iowa, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ceremony in January 2016.

Responses must be postmarked by December 6, 2015.

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☐ Individual ☐ Group (Please attach additional pages if necessary)

Name of Project	Contact Person:
Group participants	
Address (if a group, please complete for all names)	City, State, & Zip
Telephone	E-mail address
Brief description of service project:	

Date project started _____

Please feel free to submit photographs, videos, or any promotional items involved with your project.
NOTE: these items will not be returned.

Record the total number of hours dedicated to your community service project.

Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4
Week 1 _____	Week 1 _____	Week 1 _____	Week 1 _____
Week 2 _____	Week 2 _____	Week 2 _____	Week 2 _____
Week 3 _____	Week 3 _____	Week 3 _____	Week 3 _____
Week 4 _____	Week 4 _____	Week 4 _____	

Application materials must be postmarked no later than December 6, 2015

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