

TRANSLATING DR. KING'S DREAM FOR 2015

Youngsters create Dr. King portraits and peace prizes.

The best way to celebrate the past is to make it a blueprint for the future. That is how the Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center and its allied organizations, the Mid-Delta Community Consortium and the M. M. Tate Development Center, observed Dr. Martin Luther King Day in 2015.



"What Is Your Dream?" was the theme of the January 19 celebration. More than 40 children of the Marvell-Elaine school district learned the struggles and historic achievements of Dr. King and translated them for their own lives. Led by AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers, they colored pictures of the great civil rights leader, made Nobel Peace prizes and wrote their own dreams of the future, which were painted into a giant cloud mural.

For older folks, it was a chance to renew their personal vows of citizenship through service to the community and its children. Thirty seniors met to offer ideas about keeping the legacy of Dr. King alive through assistance to the Marvell-Elaine schools and the organizations' own educational programs that seek to prepare children for postsecondary education.

For children and adults, the events replaced memories of fire hoses, snapping dogs, whips and bully clubs that confronted Dr. King and in their place raised visions of brotherhood and opportunity where civil and human rights are guaranteed for all.



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