

ON ML KING DAY, A MISSION TO SERVE

Everyone should walk in the light of service to mankind, Dr. Martin Luther King said, so Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center decided to celebrate his holiday by doing exactly that.

Volunteers at Marvell and Elaine gathered on the chilly morning of MLK Day to clean up and beautify the towns and improve the living conditions of the elderly.



Volunteers spruce up the streets of Elaine

"Dr. King's idea was that Americans from all walks of life should work together for solutions to the pressing problems of our country and our communities," said Connie Hart of Elaine, BGACDC AmeriCorps member. "In our communities, that is doing what we can to beautify our towns and make them more livable."

Volunteers from 3 to 75 years old joined in sweeping streets of litter, cleaning the trash bins, doorways, and yards at Christopher Homes for the elderly in Elaine and at Senior Haven in Marvell, preparing flower beds around the institutions and at BGACDC's headquarters, and removing a fallen tree and beautifying the old M.M. Tate school, which is being converted into a community center for Marvell.

"Giving a day of your time to improve and beautify your community - a day of service - seemed like the right way to keep Dr. King's dream alive," said Touyna Sims of Marvell, BGACDC AmeriCorps member. "On this day especially we hope people remember that there are things that need to be done to improve the lives of people right here."



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