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***Stockton's 4th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr.
Program and Day of Service, Jan. 21***

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Galloway Twp., NJ – The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, in conjunction with the Township of Galloway, NJ is hosting the 20th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration and 4th Annual Day of Service on **Monday, January 21, 2008**. This event draws participation from more than 350 volunteers and touches the lives of many more people.

“We are particularly excited about this year’s celebration because we have partnered with Galloway Township, The Equal Opportunity Advisory Committee, and its public schools to not only give back to our communities, but to also celebrate the township’s 20 years of celebrating Dr. King’s legacy,” said Brian K. Jackson, Co-Chair of this year’s event. This event provides an opportunity for Stockton students, faculty, and staff to partner with local nonprofit organizations and service agencies in ways that are both helpful and memorable.

Volunteers from the college community will be providing a variety of services to the over 25 participating community organizations and agencies, including local food banks, assisted living centers and other nonprofit organizations throughout the area such as the Atlantic City Rescue Mission, PleasanTech Charter School, Family Service Association, Baby Blue Foundation, the African American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey, and the ARC of Atlantic County.

There will also be numerous service activities available on campus. These on-campus activities include letter-writing to servicemen and servicewomen in the 177th Fighter Wing and also to military personnel deployed from McGuire Air Force Base; quilt making for “Project Linus,” an endeavor that serves children who are seriously ill or who have been traumatized; sorting donated books for Books Without Borders and projects for Samaritan Hospice. The House of Blues Foundation is also participating for the first time this year.

The morning’s program will acknowledge the artistic works of students from Galloway Township Schools. The community engagement awards will also be presented to several Stockton students, faculty and staff.

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The schedule for the day's events:

DATE: Monday January 21, 2008

LOCATION: Sports Center

TIME: 8:00 A.M. Pre-registration and Breakfast

9:00 A.M. Program

10:00 A.M. Departure for Day of Service Activities

2:00 P.M. Conclusion of Day of Service Activities

Boxed lunches and t-shirts will be provided to Day of Service participants. All volunteers are encouraged to carpool to off-campus locations. The College will not be providing transportation to off-campus sites.

To pre-register for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Program and Day of Service, please contact Tara Ronda, Coordinator of Service Learning at service.learning@stockton.edu or call (609) 652 - 4256. When pre-registering for this event, please supply individual name(s), e-mail addresses, phone numbers and indicate your interest, i.e. working with the elderly, the food bank, in serving meals, in letter-writing to military men/women, etc.

Space is limited. However, Stockton's staff will try to best match you with your area of interest and selected agency or project.

Canned goods and other nonperishable items are also being collected for donation to the Atlantic County Food Bank. Please, drop your canned goods at one of the offices listed below:

- Provost's Office (Tom Grites)
- President's Office (Brian K. Jackson)
- Alumni/Development (Tara Septynski)
- Student Development (Dianne Hill-Stalling)
- N-Wing College Center (Mary Kate McKenna)
- Community of Scholars (Paulette Forbes-Igharo)

You may also contact the President's Office at (609) 652-4521 or the Office of Student Development and ask for Dianne Hill-Stalling at (609) 652-4205 to make arrangements to have canned goods picked up at your on-campus office.

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