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## Richard Stockton College to Celebrate National Martin Luther King Day of Service

6<sup>th</sup> Annual MLK Day of Service Set for Jan. 18

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** On August 28, 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his “I Have a Dream” speech from the stairs of the Lincoln Memorial, and nearly 50 years later, Dr. King’s words continue to inspire individuals to ignite positive change. Martin Luther King Day of Service has become a tradition to officially kick-off the spring semester for students, faculty, and staff at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. Learning through community engagement helps students to understand the power of their individual impact on society.

Stockton’s 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Martin Luther King Day of Service will take place on **Monday, January 18, 2010** at various locations both on and off campus. Pre-registration will take place at 8:30 a.m. and walk-up registration will take place at 9:00 a.m. in the N-wing restaurant on the College’s Galloway Township campus. A free breakfast will be available during registration and boxed lunches and t-shirts will be provided for participants. Departure for activities will be at 10:00 a.m. and activities will conclude at approximately 2:00 p.m. To pre-register online, please visit the service learning link [www.stockton.edu/servicelearning](http://www.stockton.edu/servicelearning). Pre-registration must be completed before 5 p.m. on Friday, January 8, 2010.

Martin Luther King Day was designated a national day of service in 1994, and it has remained the only federal holiday to become a day of service. Stockton’s MLK Day of Service allows students to learn outside of the classroom, give back to the community, and network with other volunteers all in one action-packed day.

Brian K. Jackson, Stockton’s Chief of Staff, said, “As in years past, Stockton College will partner with dozens of local non-profit organizations and service agencies for what we hope will be a memorable and meaningful experience. Participation will allow individuals to meet and network with community members, as well as engage in service projects that have a lasting impact on our entire community.”

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Community service activities will include writing letters and putting together care packages for military service members; arts, crafts, and games with elderly and Alzheimer residents at area nursing homes; designing Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day cards for hospice patients; making teddy bears to give to pediatric hospital patients; interviewing residents in a senior-care community for a newsletter; mural painting; organizing/cleaning at local thrift shops; and taking inventory of a museum's recent donation of a book collection.

The activities scheduled for MLK Day of Service were made possible through Stockton College's partnership with the following organizations: the Alcove Center for Grieving Children and Families (thrift shop) in Northfield; Alzheimer's Association (on campus); African American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey in Newtonville (transportation provided); The Arc of Atlantic County in EHT; AtlantiCare Kids (located right off College Drive); Books without Borders (on campus); Boxes of Love (on campus); Caring Adult Medical Day Care (CARING Place) in Pleasantville; Caring Adult Medical Day Care on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City; Stockton's Chapter of Circle K (on campus); Covenant House in Atlantic City; Family Service Association in EHT; Generations Adult Day Health Care in Somers Point; Samaritan Hospice (on campus); Seashore Gardens in Galloway; Shores at Wesley Manor in Ocean City; South Shore Ministries Thrift Store in Pleasantville; and South Shore Ministries Thrift Store in Northfield.

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