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## **MEDIA ADVISORY: National Health Corps Florida AmeriCorps Members to Serve on King Holiday**

*Members to participate in three group service projects as part of National Day of Service*

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Twenty-two National Health Corps Florida AmeriCorps members serving in Northeast Florida will step up to serve as volunteers on the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. The members, who had already dedicated a year of service at local public health organizations, will participate in activities that they organized after identifying community needs. They will start the day with a rally at the Salvation Army – Towers Center of Hope and then split up to three different locations to renovate community gardens. The members leveraged community resources to engage in these property beautification projects, such as Lowes, Habijax and Philips Garden Store.

National Health Corps Florida is participating in a day of service that will leverage the strength of local citizens to help tackle local problems and advance Dr. King’s dream of opportunity for all. The annual event honors Dr. King’s legacy and is an opportunity for Americans to renew their own personal vows of civic responsibility through service to others and engage in conversations to advance community goals.

**WHO:** National Health Corps Florida AmeriCorps Members. National Health Corps members commit to providing 1700 hours of service over a 46-week term of service in Northeast Florida. Each member is placed within a local organization and fulfills the majority of their service at their site through activities such as conducting health outreach, teaching health education classes, and helping enrolling people in health insurance and pharmaceutical assistance programs.

**WHAT:** Salvation Army: Members will help revitalize a garden for the residents and provide a waiting space for the nightly public that attends the meal ministry.

Liberty Center: Members will clean up and garden around the property buildings owned by the Liberty Center.

Eastside Community Coalition: Members will start a garden from the ground up, by putting down soil, fresh grass and flower seeds and clearing a walkway path, placing benches.

**WHERE:**

Salvation Army – Towers Center of Hope: 900 W. Adams Street, Jacksonville, FL 32204

Liberty Center: 846 Spearing Street and 850 Spearing Street, Jacksonville, FL 32206

Eastside Community Garden: 1049 Palmetto Street, Jacksonville, FL 32206

**WHEN:** January 21, 2019 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that leads the annual MLK Day of Service, working with the King Center in Atlanta and thousands of nonprofit groups, faith-based organizations, schools, and businesses nationwide. For further information about the MLK Day of Service and what's taking place across the country, visit [MLKDay.gov](http://MLKDay.gov).

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The Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition leads the community effort to reduce infant death and improve the health of children, childbearing women, fathers and their families in Northeast Florida. For more information, visit <http://nefhealthystart.org> or on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @nefhealthystart.

National Health Corps is an AmeriCorps program administered by the Health Federation of Philadelphia that recruits, trains, and places emerging leaders in resource-limited organizations. Our members help build healthy communities by providing health education and health access to underserved individuals throughout Chicago, Florida, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. In 2017, NHC members provided a range of services to approximately 126, 172 community residents. For more information, visit [www.nationalhealthcorps.org](http://www.nationalhealthcorps.org).

Founded in 1983, the Health Federation of Philadelphia (HFP) serves as a keystone supporting a network of Community Health Centers as well as the broader base of public and private sector organizations that deliver health and human services to vulnerable populations. For more information, visit [www.healthfederation.org](http://www.healthfederation.org).

The MLK Day of Service is led by the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency that engages millions of Americans in service through its AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and Volunteer Generation Fund programs and leads the nation's volunteering and service efforts. For more information, visit [NationalService.gov](http://NationalService.gov).