



Green River Area Development District

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AmeriCorps Members Serve at St. Benedict's

AmeriCorps members of the Green River Area Development District's (GRADD) Senior Connections program spent Wednesday serving homeless men and women at St. Benedict's Homeless Shelter for the AmeriCorps National Day of Service.

Former GRADD AmeriCorps member Denise Bell, who now works for Daviess County Emergency Management, kicked off the event by providing information on how to stay warm and dry during inclement weather. Shelter residents were provided with donated socks, hats, blankets and gloves.

AmeriCorps members served pizzas donated by Crosspointe Baptist Church, chips donated by Five Star Food Services and desserts donated by Cakes & More by Patricia or homemade by AmeriCorps members. Serve Kentucky Commissioner Mary Steely led the residents in bingo, with prizes ranging from hygiene products to sodas, candies and goody bags donated by AmeriCorps partner sites. Buff City Soap, God's Outreach and The King's Table donated other goods that were distributed to shelter residents.

The AmeriCorps Day of Service was originally scheduled for January 15th, Martin Luther King Day, but was rescheduled due to the inclement weather that day. Martin Luther King Day is the only federal holiday designated as a National Day of Service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities in honor of Dr. King.

"Service is a fundamental part of being an AmeriCorps member," said GRADD AmeriCorps Program Assistant Mary Ashford. "The Day of Service is a great opportunity for our members to come together to amplify our impact on the community."

GRADD AmeriCorps members served approximately sixty men and women during the Day of Service.

To learn more about the AmeriCorps Senior Connection program, visit

<https://gradd.com/individuals/social-services/ameri-corps-programs/>

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The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) is a regional planning agency and council of governments serving the communities of Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union, and Webster counties. GRADD offers assistance in the fields of aging, health, and social services; community and economic development; transportation planning; and workforce development. Our mission is to afford local governments and citizens a regional forum to identify issues and opportunities, and to provide leadership in planning and implementing programs to improve the quality of life in our district.

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