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AmeriCorps Members Gearing Up to Serve at St. Benedict's Shelter for MLK Day of Service

Owensboro, Ky. (Jan. 13, 2026) — Members of **AmeriCorps** serving through the Green River Area Development District's (GRADD) Senior Connections program are preparing to serve the community at **St. Benedict's Women and Family Day Shelter next Monday** as part of the annual AmeriCorps National Day of Service on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

"Service to others is the primary tenet part of being an AmeriCorps member," AmeriCorps Program Director Brad Alley said. "The Day of Service provides members with great opportunity to come together and amplify our impact on the community."

As part of the day's activities, Senior Connections members will assist with the shelter's monthly Potluck Lunch, helping provide a warm meal and a welcoming environment for shelter clients. The service effort reflects the values championed by **Martin Luther King Jr.**, whose legacy is honored nationwide through volunteerism on this day.

In addition to the meal, Denise Bell with **Daviess County Emergency Management** will provide information to clients on how to stay warm and dry during periods of inclement winter weather. Clients will also receive donated socks and other essential items through GRADD's Ombudsman Program.

The day will include additional activities made possible by community partners. **Buff City Soap** has again made a generous donation to support the event, and donated children's toys will be distributed to families at the shelter. Clients will also take part in bingo, with prizes including hygiene products and other helpful items.

Observed annually on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the AmeriCorps National Day of Service is the only federal holiday designated as a National Day of Service, encouraging Americans to volunteer and strengthen their communities in honor of Dr. King's enduring legacy.

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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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