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*Volunteer Louisiana and AmeriCorps Members to make Home Repairs in New Orleans
Neighborhood*

BATON ROUGE, La. – Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser will welcome volunteers and AmeriCorps members from throughout Louisiana and the country for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service on Monday, January 21. Volunteers and AmeriCorps members will make critical home repairs for three elderly New Orleans homeowners through the support of Rebuilding Together New Orleans. Lt. Governor Nungesser will be joined by Volunteer Louisiana Executive Director Judd Jeansonne and the Corporation for National and Community Service’s Director of AmeriCorps, Chester Spellman.

“MLK Day of Service is a great opportunity to bring communities together to make a difference in our own backyards,” said Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser. “We have seen over and over the importance of volunteers and service in Louisiana, and events like this show the strength of our character and spirit of our people no matter what challenges we may face as a state.”

“The legacy of Martin Luther King is service to others,” said Volunteer Executive Director Judd Jeansonne. “Projects like this show that Dr. King’s legacy is alive and well in Louisiana.”

The MLK Day of Service will formally kick off at noon on Monday, January 21, at 1701 New Orleans Street in New Orleans. Prior to the kick off, the Lt. Governor will visit with volunteers, AmeriCorps members, and tour projects sites in the Seventh Ward neighborhood.

Created by [federal legislation in 1994](#) and taking place each year on the third Monday in January, the MLK Day of Service is the only federal holiday observed as a national day of service – a “day on, not a day off.” This annual event, in honor of Dr. King’s legacy, is intended to empower individuals, strengthen communities, bridge barriers, create solutions to social problems, and move us closer to

Dr. King’s vision of a “Beloved Community.” For more information on the MLK Day of Service and to find volunteer opportunities in your area visit www.mlkday.gov.

Event Details:

Who: Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser
Judd Jeansonne, Volunteer LA Executive Director
Chester Spellman, AmeriCorps
Volunteers and AmeriCorps members

What: MLK Day of Service

Where: 1701 New Orleans Street
New Orleans, LA

When: Monday, January 21, 2019
12 p.m.

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