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Volunteers Help Make MLK Day Event a Success!

Despite frigid temperatures, over 50 people came together at Kingdom House on MLK Day for an event sponsored by Manchester United Methodist Church. Participants enjoyed fellowship meals and a screening of the film "Selma," followed by a discussion of the Civil Rights Movement and social justice efforts today.

The event brought people of all backgrounds and ages together, including participants and volunteers from Manchester UMC, The Vandiver Group public relations firm, Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) sorority, and Kingdom House and its surrounding neighborhood. During the discussion, they shared their diverse viewpoints and some even exchanged contact information so as to continue the conversations started as part of the day.

Meanwhile, the sorority sisters of AKA, the oldest Greek-letter organization established in America by Black college women, facilitated the activities for the children from KH and Manchester UMC. The



AKA sisters showed an educational movie about MLK, led activities in which the children imagined what it might be like to "meet Martin," and encouraged them to share their dreams for the future, inspired by the "I Have a Dream" speech. One boy shared his dream of ending violence in St. Louis and was enthusiastically cheered by the AKA sisters. Thank you to all of the MLK Day volunteers for helping keep the dream alive!

Enrich Children's Lives - Donate to the KH Family Center

The Family Center, which provides free child care during our adult education classes, is looking for some gently used or new supplies to enrich their class activities. Please consider donating!

- Bean bag chairs
- Boombox or CD player with speakers
- Appropriate CDs (such as Kidsbop, educational, or even classical)
- Card tables/fold up tables

- Stackable containers or cabinets (appropriate for storing toys)
- Coolers
- Duct tape
- Velcro
- Baby or pet gate
- Ticky Tacky/adhesive putty
- Legos & board games
- Craft supplies
- Paper plates, cups, & bowls
- Dry erase markers

February Birthdays

- ◇ Emily Ball
- ◇ Destiny Bowie
- ◇ Julie Mertens
- ◇ Emily Stuart

Happy Birthday!