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**Harvesting Humanity and its local, national, and global  
“Solutionary” partners take virtual and in-person action to create  
the Beloved Community of Dr. King’s dream on MLK Day(s)  
Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2002**

[Charlotte, NC]— The Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service is a defining moment each year when volunteers across the country step up to make communities more equitable, underpin racial equity, expand civic opportunities, and foster respect for individual differences. This federal holiday shines a spotlight on service as a powerful force to bridge differences, distances, and divides – on this day and throughout the year.

**Through the generous sponsorship of Points of Light, The Home Depot Foundation, and Team Depot (The Home Depot’s associate volunteer force), Harvesting Humanity and a host of volunteer groups from leading organizations such as: Ashantiwah’s Life Legacy Foundation, Atrium, Balfour Beatty, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, Mecklenburg County Public Health Department, Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation, The Males Place, NC Black and Green Network, NC State Extension Master Gardeners, R.E.A.L Home Services, Rosa Parks Famers Market, She Built This City, UCITY Family Zone, United Way of Central Carolinas, and Urban Institute for Strengthening Families -put Civic Engagement and Service into Action.**

“Today- and everyday- we act in response to Dr. King’s call to serve and strive to make a positive difference in the lives of people in our local, national, and global communities and in our relationship with- and treatment of- the places and planet that we call home” said Eboné M. Lockett, Founder and CEO of Harvesting Humanity, LLC.

Volunteers will **build, beautify, and breathe new life into several edible landscapes and community gardens established in underserved, priority areas across the city of Charlotte (NC)** joining hundreds of thousands of community members across the country in volunteer service. Volunteers will have an opportunity to contribute **in person** by: constructing, installing, and refreshing raised garden beds, butterfly garden frames, picnic tables, and solar lighting along with designing inspirational art. Volunteers may also serve **virtually** by: attending a webinar spotlighting the people and places served by this experience and assembling and decorating bird and butterfly houses that will be exhibited and gifted to community edible landscapes, gardens, and gathering spaces as well as households in these communities.

This service-learning experience not only benefits food security for communities in need, but also provides a solution for restoring native pollinator habitats, practicing green construction and clean energy stewardship, and increasing knowledge, and application, of environmentally healthy and healing home, and communal, living habits.

The annual MLK Day of Service is led by Americorps, a federal agency working with the King Center, thousands of nonprofit groups, faith-based organizations, schools, and businesses to create the beloved community that Dr. King and his community of change agents sacrificed life and limb to “dream” about, and manifest.

Harvesting Humanity, LLC is a leading educational enterprise whose motto- “learning for life and lifelong learning” – speak to service-learning opportunities and experiences that center people and the planet. With organizational reach across the globe and home offices in Charlotte, NC & Hartford, CT, Harvesting Humanity is about the business of engaging, preparing, and positioning diverse local, national, and global “Solutionaries”.

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