

2009 Martin Luther King Jr. Days of Service

In commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, people across the nation were called upon to perform community service. Honoring this tradition, UW Tacoma offered 10 opportunities for community members to engage in a service activity over three days: January 17, January 19 and January 24, 2009. Volunteers had a choice of activities and days, with some sites offering their volunteer opportunities more than once.

The activities included the following:

- The Food Connection, processing and distributing food items at Pierce County's largest Food Bank
- Tacoma Pierce County Habitat for Humanity constructing a home at Habitat for Humanity's Larabee Terrace Project
- The Washington State History Museum program ushers for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day event
- Metro Parks Tacoma clean up in Pt. Defiance Park to advance the fire suppression work happening along the roadside and trails
- Silver Creek Restoration Project to plant native trees and shrubs
- The Good Neighbor Café, preparing foods, setting up for meals, stocking, and serving for the free, healthy and well-balanced meals for low-income and homeless individuals
- Clover Creek Reserve tree planting to improve stream-side habitat by returning the banks of the creek to native vegetation.

A total of 62 volunteers participated in all the service opportunities: 31 UWT students; 5 UWT faculty and staff; 1 UW Seattle students; 21 community members; and 4 TRIO students.

Safeway Stores contributed food items for the volunteer snacks. An additional 10 UWT students assisted in the organizing and promotion of the service opportunities.

Thank you to all volunteers and contributors!