

# STOCKTON COLLEGE

THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY



## Stockton's 5th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Program and Day of Service, Jan. 19

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey is once again hosting a Day of Service in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, January 19, 2009. The day is expected to draw participation from 250 to 300 volunteers and will touch the lives of many more people.

The theme of this year's celebration is "The Dream...The Promise" – which reflects Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech and the theme of President-elect Obama's campaign. Dr. Reva Curry, Stockton's new Interim Dean of Health Sciences will deliver the keynote address for the program.

"We are especially excited about this year's Day of Service. We anticipate between 250 to 300 people from the Stockton community to come out and give back to the community. In addition, we honor Dr. King's legacy and pay tribute to the historic election we experienced this last year. So many people, young and old, were engaged in the political process. What we do on Jan. 19, I think, serves as an extension of that mission– to remain engaged and to serve our communities. I'm also excited to have Dr. Curry as part of our Day of Service program, as she is the College's first African American female to serve as a Dean at Stockton," said Brian K. Jackson, Co-Chair of the MLK Day of Service committee.

Volunteers from the college community will be providing a variety of services to over 17 participating community organizations and agencies, including local food banks, assisted living centers and other nonprofit organizations throughout the area such as the Atlantic City Rescue Mission, Family Service Association, the African American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey, and PleasanTech Charter School.

There will also be numerous service activities available on campus. These on-campus activities include quilt making for "Project Linus," an endeavor that serves children who are seriously ill or who have been traumatized; sorting donated books for Books Without Borders and projects for Samaritan Hospice.

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The schedule for the day's events:

**DATE:** Monday, January 19, 2009

**LOCATION:** N Wing Restaurant

**TIME:** **8:30 A.M.** Pre-registration and Breakfast  
**9:00 A.M.** Walk-in registrations  
**9:30 A.M.** Program (Keynote Speaker – Dr. Reva Curry, Interim Dean,  
School of Health Sciences)  
**10:00 A.M.** Departure for Day of Service activities  
**2:00 P.M.** Conclusion of Day of Service activities

Boxed lunches and t-shirts will be provided to Day of Service participants. All volunteers are encouraged to carpool to off-campus locations. The College will not be providing transportation to off-campus sites.

To pre-register for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Program and Day of Service go to the Service-Learning Office Web site at [www.stockton.edu/servicelearning](http://www.stockton.edu/servicelearning). Participants must review the open projects on the site before registering.

For more information on Stockton's 5th Annual MLK Celebration and Day of Service, please contact Tara Ronda, Coordinator of Service Learning at [tara.ronda@stockton.edu](mailto:tara.ronda@stockton.edu) or (609) 652-4256.

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