



January 10, 2008

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

On Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008, hundreds of thousands of Americans will honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s vision through a Day of Service that builds broad and diverse relationships, breaks down barriers, and makes our communities the best they can be. On behalf of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, I encourage you to join me by putting your faith in action and helping Dr. King's dream come to life by volunteering on MLK Day.

Throughout the weekend leading into King Day, people across our nation – including youth, teachers, parents, community leaders, seniors and even President Bush and our fellow Council Members – will join together in service. Every act of kindness makes a difference, whether you help a neighbor in need, refurbish a community center, or take time to pray for positive change and social justice in our nation. I encourage you to volunteer on King Day and make it the beginning of a year-round commitment to service.

Dr. King recognized the power of positive actions inspired by personal faith. As he once said, "Everybody can be great because everybody can serve." Service, as Dr. King understood from his deeply held religious convictions, is a way for everyone to become a fuller human being. It allows one to focus on something outside of one's own needs, and to feel the joys of the spirit that come from giving.

Please join me and millions of others across the nation as we celebrate Dr. King's birthday and honor his legacy by volunteering on January 21. Below are links to a toolkit to help you get started and video messages from members of the President's Council to help you spread the word to others.

All of us are called to serve others in need and by doing so we put our faith in action.

In Service,

Michael W. Smith  
Vice Chair, President's Council on Service and Civic Participation

#### **RESOURCES TO HELP YOU HONOR THE DREAM**

**King Day Toolkit:** [http://www.mlkday.gov/resources/toolkit/mlkday\\_toolkit.pdf](http://www.mlkday.gov/resources/toolkit/mlkday_toolkit.pdf)

#### **Video Messages from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation:**

- **Tony Dungy, NFL Head Coach, Indianapolis Colts**  
High speed: [http://media.nationalservice.gov/psas/08\\_0109\\_mlkday\\_dungy\\_high.wmv](http://media.nationalservice.gov/psas/08_0109_mlkday_dungy_high.wmv)  
Dial up: [http://media.nationalservice.gov/psas/08\\_0109\\_mlkday\\_dungy\\_low.wmv](http://media.nationalservice.gov/psas/08_0109_mlkday_dungy_low.wmv)
- **Janine Turner, Actress**  
High speed: [http://media.nationalservice.gov/psas/08\\_0109\\_mlkday\\_turner\\_high.wmv](http://media.nationalservice.gov/psas/08_0109_mlkday_turner_high.wmv)  
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- **Michael W. Smith, Singer**  
High speed: [http://media.nationalservice.gov/psas/08\\_0109\\_mlkday\\_smith\\_high.wmv](http://media.nationalservice.gov/psas/08_0109_mlkday_smith_high.wmv)  
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