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## **News Release**

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## **Local organizations hosting MLK Day events this January**

**Hampton, VA** - Events in Hampton will honor the triumphant spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on January 15. These events aim to celebrate the life and legacy of the civil rights icon while fostering unity, justice, and equality within the community.

### **The Hampton Heroes Ceremony**

**Monday, January 15, 1-3 p.m.**

**Hampton Roads Convention Center**

**1610 Convention Drive**

The Hampton Heroes ceremony will be held on Monday, Jan. 15 —the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday — marking the first live ceremony since 2020. The ceremony, which will honor local residents who worked for social justice, will be held at the Hampton Roads Convention Center, and then move outdoors to the Martin Luther King Jr. and Hampton Heroes Memorial Plaza in front of the Convention Center. It will begin at 1 p.m. on Jan. 15. Click [here](#) to view this year's honorees.

### **Hampton University MLK Unity March**

**Emancipation Oak**

**Monday, January 15, 10:15 a.m.**

The Hampton University Office of Student Activities, in conjunction with the Hampton Chapter of the NAACP and the National Pan-Hellenic Council will host the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. March and program on Monday, January 15 on campus. Both events are free and open to the public.

The march will begin at 10:15 a.m. at the Emancipation Oak. Rev. Dr. Jerome A. Barber, of Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Temple in Hampton, will offer prayer. The march will proceed from William R. Harvey Way and conclude at Ogden Hall on campus. A reception, hosted by the Gamma Iota Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., will immediately follow the program at the Student Center's Student Lounge.

For more information, contact the HU Office of Student Activities at 757-727-5691.

### **MLK Day of Service**

**Hampton Roads CCD Local Network**

**Monday, January 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**KUF MarketPlace Resource Center**

**2605 East Pembroke Avenue**

## **Registration Required**

Volunteers are encouraged to join Hampton Roads CCD Local Network for a profound community resource center project for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. KUF MarketPlace Resource Center is continuing to develop space to be used to service the needs of the community. The group will be canvassing the community notifying about the comprehensive services available for the entire family, painting, cleaning and discarding items and organizing some spaces.

Also, the organization will collect donations for Transitions Family Violence Services. You may bring the following donations on MLK Day of Service: Pillows, Shower Curtains w/Liners, Twin Blankets/Comforters, Calendars, Pots/Pans, Silverware, Batteries (AA/AAA), VISA/Walmart Gift Cards.

Volunteers will gather in the dining hall at 9 a.m. for breakfast refreshments and to receive assignments. Lunch will be provided for volunteers also. Volunteers can register [here](#) or email [hamptonroadsccdnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:hamptonroadsccdnetwork@gmail.com). Also, questions may be submitted via email or call Charles Cheek at 757-602-9196. Volunteers should wear comfortable work clothes. There will be directional signs to indicate the designated spaces.

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Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Science Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.