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LITERACY AMERICORPS PALM BEACH COUNTY MOBILIZES VOLUNTEERS ON KING HOLIDAY

WHO: Literacy AmeriCorps Palm Beach County, with AmeriCorps Alums, Bridges Beacon Center, Neighbors First, FAU Owls Supporting Diversity Club, Health Corps, the Governor's Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service (Volunteer Florida)

WHAT: MLK Day of Service educational event for immigrant families

WHERE: Clarke Building, Highland Elementary School, 500 Highland Avenue, Lake Worth

WHEN: Monday, January 18th, 12 noon – 3 p.m.

LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA—More than 50 volunteers and 200 Lake Worth residents are expected to turn out on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday to make the annual Day of Service a day ON, not a day OFF by volunteering.

Literacy AmeriCorps Palm Beach County has planned a day of service that honors Dr. King and helps further his dream by bringing Palm Beach County residents together to address a local need through service. Participants will share aspects of their cultures, and learn about American culture, history, and the significance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. There will be fun and educational activities for children, and valuable community resources for adults like English and citizenship classes and other beneficial programs. The project is one of thousands taking place across the nation as part of the 2010 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service.

Initiated by Congress in 1994, the King Day of Service transforms the federal holiday into a national day of community service grounded in Dr. King's teachings of nonviolence and social justice. The King Day of Service is led by the Corporation for National and Community Service and the King Center in partnership with national nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community groups, government agencies, educational institutions, and businesses nationwide. For further information, visit www.serve.gov/MLKDAY.

The Governor's Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service was established in 1994 by the Florida Legislature to administer grants under the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993. The Commission grants funds to Florida AmeriCorps and National Service programs; encourages volunteerism for everyone from youths to seniors to people with disabilities; promotes volunteerism in emergency management and preparedness; supports the Governor's priority initiatives through the creation of innovative volunteer programs; and helps to strengthen and expand Volunteer Centers in Florida. Learn more at www.volunteerflorida.org.

