

The Partnership to End Homelessness: A Day of Service in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



From left to right: (back row) Leroy Bertram, Andrée Whitsett, Leslie McGee, Angela Murray, Cynthia Phifer, Lindsey Trollinger; (front row) Lorenzo Torres, Arabella Pittman, Sara O'Brien, Emily Holmes, Kendra Britto, Patricia Waters, Alisha Williams.

On January 19, AmeriCorps members from the Partnership to End Homelessness devoted themselves to a day of service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The members marched in the annual parade and sang a song that touched many of the parade observers with its call to find unity in diversity and live the dream that Dr. King described. The members then made chili to feed 150 people, loaded it into the Salvation Army Disaster Relief Vehicle and set up shop outside the main branch of the public library. We ended up serving a great dinner to 79 people. We passed out warm fleece scarves the members had made and copies of Dr. King's *I have a Dream* speech to those at the meal. A long, hard day but a day spent truly *living the dream* in service to our community.

As they march, members sing a song especially written for the parade by Kendra Britto and Patricia Waters:

*Here we are ... on a very special day
We know who we are ... and we came here to say
We're the AmeriCorps team ... representing for the Dream
Dr. King showed us how ... to serve our community
So we stand in unity ... celebrate diversity
We are a family ... so come on let's live the Dream!*

