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#### PENINSULA MULTIFAITH COALITION

## FAITHFUL VOLUNTEERS

### To the community

More than 500 volunteers, uniquely inspired by personal morals, values and beliefs, put faith into action on Monday, January 18, 2016, for the fourth annual Multifaith Day of Service in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. hosted by

Peninsula
Multifaith
Coalition
(PMC). This
coalition
provides
opportunities
for people

and congregations to create unified living through spiritual openness and religious tolerance.



The MLK Day of service is the first of many events throughout the year which highlights a more harmonious Peninsula community that unites people across age, race, class, and

religion for both education and community service. As organizations quietly figure out ways to celebrate diversity, PMC consistently offers opportunities for faithful community members to proudly give back by opening up their hearts to people in

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need with people from varying spiritual views. By taking part in a

Peninsula Multifaith Coalition event you not only have the opportunity to engage in activities that will uplift your spirit, but you also come to understand a sense of calm and peace in knowing that your fellow man/woman cares enough to give their time and energy to show love for one's neighbor.

Volunteers aged 5 and above, fanned out to 25 sites around the Peninsula the morning of January 18, to







beautify school gardens, sing to seniors at local nursing homes, craft gifts for babies and children in hospitals, prepare meals for veterans and families in shelters and enhance children's reading skills.



As residents of the Peninsula shared, "we must never forget how special our community is and it is our responsibility to maintain what we value."

Simple yet profound, the statement that what the world needs now is love, is exactly what PMC strives to have volunteers experience.

A Gallup poll conducted in 1964 revealed that over 75 percent of White Americans viewed King as a nuisance and believed that he was "pushing integration too fast." 2016, some 52 years later, Peninsula Multifaith Coalition acknowledges that we as a community have come a long way, but there is still a long way for us to go to make the

organizations mission a reality which is to bring together diverse faith communities to build bridges of understanding and respect. This year PMC was able to identify faithful followers from 26 different belief groups to act on one accord, Community Service. Several nameless volunteers shared why they got involved with Peninsula Multifaith Coalition, "Here on the Peninsula I feel like we live in a bubble, but when I give back it allows me to feel grounded again."



"It feels like a reawakening of the spirit to have a fresh solution to today's problems." "I have a whole new respect for myself, because today we broke down a wall and built a bridge."

The PMC mission statement says it all: "We stand together

with humility to acknowledge our common values, learn from one another and serve our wider world,"



Founded in 2012, the
Peninsula Multifaith Coalition is
a group of faith congregations
and organizations working
together on projects to
improve our community. This
volunteer led coalition holds or
supports several events each
year, such as the Peninsula
Multifaith Day of Service on
MLK Day, Multifaith Family
Gathering in August, and the
annual Peninsula Freedom
Seder, held in the spring.



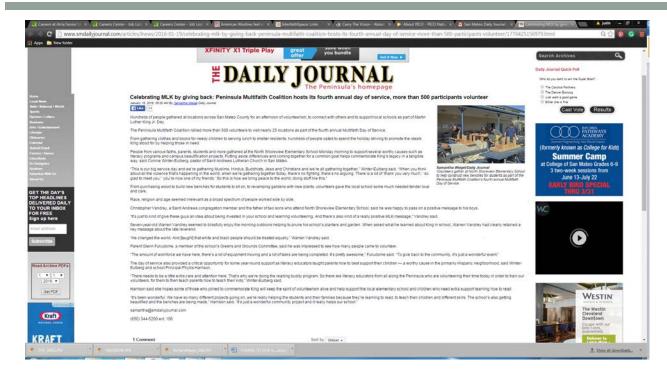


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### 2016 Martin Luther King Day of Service

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http://www.smdailyjournal.com/articles/lnews/2016-01-19/celebrating-mlk-by-giving-back-peninsula-multifaith-coalition-hosts-its-fourth-annual-day-of-service-more-than-500-participants-volunteer/1776425156979.html



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