



Service helps youth appreciate Martin Luther King's legacy

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KANSAS CITY, KS (KCTV) -

Some Kansas City area youth spent Monday at an urban farm where they learned about the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

Many events honoring the slain civil rights leader were held Monday. But one event was special because students echoed King's teachings by providing a day of service to their community. King once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'" "It's a really great experience," said Pembroke Hill student Corrine Smith. "You get to meet a ton of really awesome people."

The Youth Volunteer Corp. Project had the middle school and high school students plant crops while learning about King's commitment to social injustice and diversity. The team of volunteers helped winterize outdoor crops and work inside the greenhouse at Cultivate Kansas City, 4233 Gibbs Rd. in KCK.

"It's a really good time to remember who [King] was and what he stood for," Corrine said. "It's just another great reason to volunteer."

Magie Hogan supervised the teen volunteers. She said volunteering helps ensure King's spirit endures.

"I do hope by coming out on a day like this and doing work like we're doing today helps them realize they do have the ability to make a change in their community and they do have the power to make the community a better place," Hogan said.

Students said the work helped them feel more fulfilled and appreciative of the blessings in their lives.

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