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**Harford County Government Day of Service at Edgewood Boys & Girls Club Honors Martin Luther King Jr.**

**BEL AIR, Md.** (March 21, 2016) - Participating in a Day of Service to honor Martin Luther King Jr., Harford County government employees volunteered on March 17 to lend a hand at the Edgewood branch of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford County. Government employees did yardwork, made bagged lunches, assembled educational STEM kits, and played St. Patrick's Day games with the children.

Inspired by the national day of service on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, County Executive Barry Glassman authorized a local Day of Service program for county government employees, organized in partnership with United Way of Central Maryland. County employees in the program have also assisted other local nonprofits and volunteered in schools for Read Across America.

As a result of the volunteer activities at the Boys & Girls Club:

- 150 boys and girls received a bagged lunch
- 128 children went home with a STEM kit
- 75 children played St. Patrick's Day games (and ate a lot of Lucky Charms)
- 175 children will enjoy beautiful landscaping on club grounds
- Two benches were dug out of their cement footings and moved to the children's play area

Harford County government volunteers at the Boys & Girls Club included Christine Buckley, Dept. of Public Works; Brad Killian, Planning and Zoning; Tony McClune, Planning and Zoning; Aimee Mitchell, Planning and Zoning; Rick Pernas, Treasury; Theresa Smith, Community Services; Amber Shrodes, Community Services; Jenny King, Planning and Zoning; Dominique Mattocks, Community Services; Katie Badders, Community Services; Barbara Mason, Community Services; Laura Dahl, Economic Development; Daniel Whipp, Economic Development; Karina Jackson, Treasury; and Joan Ingold, Information and Communication Technology.

Pictured below are some of the volunteers in action.



*Pictured from left to right are Katie Badders and Amber Shrodes from the Harford County Dept. of Community Services working with Joan Ingold, Dept. of Information and Communication Technology, to make trail mix included in 150 bagged lunches for the boys and girls.*



*Lunch bags were decorated with inspiring messages and hand written letters from volunteers were tucked inside. The healthy lunches included sandwiches, trail mix, fruits, and veggies.*





*Daniel Whipp, Office of Economic Development, helping with planting and landscaping*



*Dominque Mattocks, Dept. of Community Services, writing encouraging messages to the children for their bagged lunches*



*Laura Dahl, Office of Economic Development, making sandwiches for the boys and girls*





*Rick Pernas, Treasury Dept., helping to beautify the club grounds.*



*Daniel Whipp, Office of Economic Development, and Dave Pryor, Edgewood branch director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford County, taking on the difficult task of relocating benches to the children's play areas*

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