Into The Streets

a signature Community Service-Learning Project at Willamette University
A Collaboration with OMA

Office of Multicultural Affairs
+ Community Service Learning

MLK: Into the Streets

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” – Letter from Birmingham Jail, 1963
a day “on” not a day off

MLK: Into the Streets - An afternoon of community service in collaboration with the Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration hosted by Willamette’s Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA).

In recognition of Dr. King’s historic work on racial justice and freedom, Into the Streets provides an opportunity for WU to strengthen relationships with the community around us through community service.
Into the Streets Schedule

Check In
- Receive Shirts
- Sign Waivers
- Sit with trip group

“Preflection”
- Student guest speaker - relating MLK to Into the Streets
- Introduction to service site and trip members

Dismissal
- Each group leaves campus

Return Reception
- View slideshow of pictures sent from service sites
- Drink hot chocolate
- Reflection boards
Service Sites and Participants

Economics Faculty cleaning up Bush Park

1,000 Soles shoe clean up by WU students

Shangri-La valentines for people with disabilities

Students cleaning facilities for therapy horses
By the Numbers

- 511 total hours of service
- 181 Volunteers
  - Students, Staff, Faculty
- 11 Community Partners:
  - Center for Hope and Safety, Salem Keizer Education Foundation, 1,000 Soles, Bush Park, Union Gospel Mission, Horses of Hope, Salem Blood Donation Center, Mission Mill, Marion Polk Food Share Warehouse, Marion Polk Food Share Farm, Shangri-La
Outcomes

- **Why I volunteer?**
  - “To assist other low income and underprivileged individuals...Without volunteers I wouldn’t be here today.”
  - “To make a tangible differences and help others”
  - “To be an engaged member of my community”
  - “Because our community deserves the best! Build each other UP!”
  - “Not everyone has time + resources to volunteer, but I am lucky enough to have those”

- **Something I learned . . .**
  - “Horses can be very therapeutic and communities only work with the support from everyone”
  - “You’re making the world better for someone out there”
  - “Doing something small is better than doing nothing”
  - “Going door to door offering services can have success! & it takes patience”
  - “Food security is a foundational element for the health of any and every community”
Why I volunteer?
Something I learned...
Team Takeaways

● Why I volunteer?
  ○ “Because it has a positive impact on the community and educates me on the needs of the community”
  ○ “To learn how I can help dismantle systemic injustices”

● Something I learned?
  ○ “Positivity is everything”
  ○ “People are SO thankful for your help!”
  ○ “I learned the importance of flexibility and positivity”

Thank you to the CSL Staff of students for making this event a success!