



## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Helena Diversity Fair:

### Dancing for the Dream

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, January 19, 2009

Capitol Rotunda

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.



The Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service is a way to transform Dr. King's life and teachings into community service that helps empower and strengthen local communities. Initiated by Congress in 1994, King Day of Service honors that legacy by transforming the federal holiday honoring Dr. King into a national day of community service grounded in his teachings of nonviolence and social justice. Instead of its being just another day off from school or work, the aim is to **make this holiday a day ON**, where people of all ages and backgrounds can come together to strengthen their community, bridge social barriers, and move our nation closer to the "Beloved Community" that Dr. King envisioned.

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. and to commemorate this day in an act of service and celebration, the Helena community is encouraged to serve and then come to the Capitol Rotunda to celebrate Reverend King's legacy and teachings. Community partners in this event include: AmeriCorps national service programs, Carroll College and the Helena School District.

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Service Projects – all encouraged to volunteer!  
Several Helena nonprofits need assistance. Go to <http://my.mlkday.gov/public/searchResults.aspx?st=MT&type=0>

12:00 p.m.

AmeriCorps National Service Members  
MLK Day Reflection & Pizza  
(1301 Lockey, 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)

#### Capitol Rotunda Agenda

2:00 p.m.

Welcome

Lieutenant Governor John Bohlinger  
Remarks by Commissioner Bob Harris  
Same Difference Inclusive Theatre Company  
Retired Senior Volunteer Program cloggers  
Northern Cheyenne Tribe  
Helena Community Irish Dancers  
Big Sky Dance Works

2:15 p.m.

Performance "I have a dream"

2:45 p.m.

Silver Bow Stompers

3:00 p.m.

Tribal Dancing

3:30 p.m.

Irish Dancing

4:00 p.m.

Contemporary Dancing

5:00 p.m.

Program concludes

There will be refreshments and fun activities that encourage reflection upon service, diversity and community change. Several display tables featuring diverse cultures and a special Martin Luther King, Jr. area will be set up throughout the Rotunda. Media is expected to attend. There will be a collection bin at the Capitol for household supplies and toiletries for several nonprofits helping women and children. You can also recycle old Christmas lights with S.A.V.E. at the Capitol. Volunteers will be wearing Martin Luther King, Jr. t-shirts!

To mark this day in service, the entire Helena community is encouraged to participate in volunteer projects going on around Helena prior to the MLK Day celebration at the Capitol. People of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities are encouraged to get involved in some way to make a difference in their community. Volunteer opportunities to benefit local nonprofit and community organizations in Helena and across Montana will be posted online at <http://my.mlkday.gov/public/searchResults.aspx?st=MT&type=0>

*"Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve."- Martin Luther King, Jr.*