Cal Poly Students Plan Volunteer Efforts, Celebrations to Honor Martin Luther King Jr.

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly students will help collect food for the less fortunate, feed the homeless and hold an on-campus celebration in coming days to honor the life and work of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Cal Poly’s Student Life & Leadership and AmeriCorps are partnering with the Food Bank Coalition of San Luis Obispo County for the Martin Luther King Day of Service 2012. Volunteers will gather in seven communities around San Luis Obispo County from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, to distribute grocery bags in neighborhoods for residents to use in donating to the food bank. Volunteers will return from 8 to noon Monday, Jan. 16, to collect the bags of food.

On Monday, Jan. 16, a group of Cal Poly students who went on an Alternative Breaks trip to New Orleans over Winter Break are reuniting to volunteer in Morro Bay.

Also on Monday, students from Cal Poly’s Beyond Shelter program will gather at the Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter in San Luis Obispo from 6 to 8 p.m. to serve dinner to clients.

And on Tuesday, Jan. 17, students from Cal Poly’s MultiCultural Center will gather in the University Union Plaza at 11 a.m. for an hourlong celebration of King’s life and work through dance, poetry and speech.

For additional information on these events, contact Jesse Torrey, AmeriCorps and Service Learning Coordinator in the Student Life & Leadership Office, at 805-756-5338 or jtorrey@calpoly.edu.

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