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**CAMP FIRE USA CELEBRATES MARTIN LUTHER KING JR  
DAY OF SERVICE**

(Seattle, WA) Many Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrations are in Central and South Seattle, there are people in North Seattle who want to celebrate King Day too. To help, Camp Fire USA brings the Day of Service to North Seattle.

Camp Fire USA, one of the nation's leading youth development organizations, has announced that they will be collecting nonperishable food and toiletries for those in need on MLK Jr. Day, January 19, 2009. They will be accepting donations for Northwest Harvest and Food Lifeline from 9:00 am through 2:00 pm at the Ballard Safeway parking lot, 1423 NW Market Street in Seattle. Both agencies work to provide much needed assistance through partnering food banks all over Washington State. This Camp Fire project will be carried out by their Youth Volunteer Corps and their grant-funded Learn & Serve America program.

Youth, age 11 to 18 can volunteer to earn service hours needed for graduation. To register to volunteer, contact YVC of Camp Fire USA by Friday, January 16, 2009 at (206) 461-8550 or e-mail [gracem@campfire-usa.org](mailto:gracem@campfire-usa.org)

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Camp Fire USA is one of the nation's leading not-for-profit youth development organizations, serving nearly three quarters of a million participants annually. Camp Fire USA, with national headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri since

1977 and Council headquarters in Seattle since 1911, provides all-inclusive, co-educational programs in hundreds of communities across the United States.

The Central Puget Sound Council is the largest Council in the United States (by membership) and serves King, Kitsap and North Mason counties. Camp Fire USA's mission is to build caring, confident youth and future leaders. By design, Camp Fire USA's programs include family and small group experiences, after school programs, camping and environmental education, child care and service learning. The Camp Fire USA experience builds confidence in younger children and provides hands-on, youth-driven leadership experiences for older youth.

Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC) is an affiliated program of Camp Fire USA and promotes civic responsibility through volunteerism among youth ages 11-18. The program welcomes young people from diverse ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds and actively involves them in community problem solving and asset building through structured volunteer service. YVC service learning projects combine meaningful service with education and reflection. For more information, visit [www.campfireusa.org/YVC](http://www.campfireusa.org/YVC).

Learn and Serve America supports and encourages service-learning throughout the United States, and enables over one million students to make meaningful contributions to their community while building their academic and civic skills. By engaging our nation's young people in service-learning, Learn and Serve America instills an ethic of lifelong community service.

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