




## **MLK Day of Service Project Focuses on K-8 Students**

*Volunteers Making A Difference One Backpack at a Time*

- WHAT:** More than 100 volunteers from both the National Health Corps Florida program and the City of Jacksonville's RSVP program will be filling backpacks with supplies including healthy snacks and meals for students at the John E. Ford K-8 School. Backpacks were donated by National Health Corps Florida and supplies were provided through community donations.
- WHEN:** Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024  
9 a.m. to noon (pre-sorting donations)  
Noon to 5 p.m. (packing donations)
- Friday, Jan. 12, 2024  
2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (backpack distribution)
- WHERE:** Hammond Senior Center (Thursday)  
3312 W. 12th St.  
Jacksonville, FL 32254
- John E. Ford K-8 School (Friday)  
1137 Cleveland St.  
Jacksonville, FL 32209
- WHO:** National Health Corps volunteers, an AmeriCorps program administered through the Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition  
RSVP volunteers, a program of the City of Jacksonville's Senior Services Division  
Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition community health workers
- WHY:** The MLK Day of Service is observed each year on or near the third Monday of January commemorating the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. It is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage people to volunteer to deepen ties to communities, expand racial equity and solidify service to others as a national commitment.
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