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United Way Volunteers Honor Martin Luther King Jr.'s Legacy With A Day of Service

Anchorage, Alaska – United Way of Anchorage volunteers came out on Martin Luther King Jr. Day to support their neighbors and share information about the important resources available to them through Alaska 2-1-1 and United Way's healthcare navigators. Volunteers spent their day of service distributing door hangers throughout the neighborhoods around Creekside Park Elementary School.

United Way of Anchorage President and CEO Clark Halvorson said: "As we begin 2022, communities across Anchorage are still suffering from racial prejudice and the uneven effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. We must recommit ourselves to Dr. King's vision of racial and social equity by working to lift up our neighbors. Thank you to all the volunteers who embraced the spirit of Dr. King to make today a day on, not a day off. Together, and with the support of our generous donors, we will continue to change lives throughout 2022."

The door hangers included information on Alaska 2-1-1 and how to enroll in health insurance during special enrollment periods. Alaska 2-1-1 is a free, confidential and multi-lingual help-line available throughout Alaska. Callers can receive information and referrals to resources such as supplemental food and nutrition programs, shelter and housing options, employment and education opportunities, health care information, and more. Information can be accessed online 24/7 at Alaska211.org or by dialing 2-1-1 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Callers who leave a message outside of those hours will receive a call the following day.

Open enrollment for health insurance through the Affordable Care Act marketplace closed on January 15, but Alaskans who have certain qualifying life events are eligible to enroll during the Special Enrollment Period. United Way healthcare navigators are available year round to help Alaskans in-person, online, and by phone, and can be reached by calling 2-1-1, texting GetCoveredAK to 898-211 or calling 1-800-478-2221.

Photos from the event are attached. Editors, please feel free to use with attribution "Photo courtesy of United Way of Anchorage."

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