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Summary: Participants created freedom bells that were placed throughout the community for others to share reflections.

(January 18, 2011)-The second annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service was held on January 17, 2011, at the University of Minnesota, Morris as an occasion for nearly 70 students and community members to celebrate Martin Luther King's life and legacy. The day included trainings related to diversity and social justice, learning about local volunteer opportunities, making a volunteer pledge for 2011, and enjoying a free meal and program.

In addition, participants placed "freedom bells," made of recycled materials, in more than 100 Morris locations. Between now and Tuesday, May 3, 2011, members of the community are encouraged to take a bell home, sign the bell, add a message that you believe reflects Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy, and return the bell to another location. We hope that each bell will travel through several people's hands, and that whomever has the bell on May 3 will bring the bell to the annual Bread 'N Bowls fundraiser for area organizations promoting after-school activities for children, and anti-violence and anti-poverty work in the Morris community.

The annual Day of Service program is co-sponsored by the Office of Residential Life, the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Intercultural Programs, and the Office of Community Engagement. For more information about this project, please call 320-589-6276 or [email](#).

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