

Martin Luther King Day Initiative January 21- February 8, 2008



Volunteers are needed to go singly or in groups of 2 or 3 to visit fourth grade classrooms to read from the book *Heroes of America: Martin Luther King, Jr.* There are 44 fourth grade classes in Marquette and Alger Counties. Volunteers can make a single visit or they can arrange multiple visits. Volunteers are needed for places as close as the City of Marquette to classes in Wells Township, Republic and Grand Marais (mileage reimbursement is available).

An optional Volunteer Training will be held on Tuesday Nov. 27th, at Northern Michigan University's University Center in "The Back Room" at 7pm.

Volunteers will read and discuss the book *Heroes of America: Martin Luther King, Jr.* with students in the class. Each fourth grader will also be given a copy of the book *African Americans You Need to Know* which tells the life stories of 30 African Americans who called Michigan "home." This book will be theirs to keep courtesy of the Great Lakes Center for Youth Development and the Public Enrichment Foundation.

Since 1994, the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. has been promoted nationwide as a day of community service as well as a day to increase understanding of tolerance, justice and equality.



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