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Peninsula faith coalition unites hundreds in service across 22 faith houses and 7 sites

The Peninsula Multifaith Coalition holds its fifth annual MLK Day of Service involving 450 volunteers in the Bay Area

Responding to the increasing need to build bridges among faith communities, the Peninsula Multifaith Coalition (PMC) was established to create a opportunities to serve and learn about 22 faith houses on the Peninsula. Entering its fifth year, PMC conducted service at seven sites on Monday, January 16 with 24 projects where 450 volunteers created crafts, prepared soup recipes, sorted books, and sang at retirement homes to cheer up residence.



MLK day organizer, Dick Heiman (left) introduced the event as the largest of the five events to date and explained to the many volunteers how Dilip Amin (right) would be conducting interviews that would be posted online using social media platforms under #PMC4MLK. The organizers wanted the volunteers to have fun while remembering Martin Luther King,

Jr. for his efforts to serve the good of humanity. The day was also filled with efforts to move America forward in times when division and unrest are rising.



Ronav Devang Raval worked along side 25 volunteers at the First Presbetiran Church of Burlingame where he prepared a blanket that was designed by the organizers for distribution to the needy within the community. Since the MLK Day of Service was formally launched in 2014 it has grown by over 300% in participants in three years with volunteers ranging from city councilmembers, mayors, US Congress representatives, police officials, local fire and rescue representatives, CEOs, and faith leaders across the Bay Area.

Covering more than diversity across 22 faith houses, the MLK day of service also united community volunteers across race and nationality. Michiyo Ihara volunteered to plant a new garden today at the Fair Oaks Elementary School to beautify the school grounds. These volunteers support PMCs effort to collaborate and build bridges within the community

About Peninsula Multifaith Coalition:

Founded in 2012, the Peninsula Multifaith Coalition is a group of faith congregations and organizations working together on projects to improve our community. This volunteer led coalition holds or supports several events each year, such as the Peninsula Multifaith Day of Service on MLK Jr. Day, Interfaith Iftar dinner in the summer, and the annual Peninsula Freedom Seder. Our Mission: The Peninsula Multifaith Coalition brings together our diverse faith communities to build bridges of understanding and respect. We stand together with humility to acknowledge our common values, learn from one another and serve our wider world.

