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Acting Governor Kim Guadagno Joins Mayor Redd of Camden to Commemorate Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. With Community Cleanup

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Trenton, NJ – Today, in honor of the national Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, Acting Governor Kim Guadagno attended the 2016 City of Camden Day of Service community cleanup, sponsored by the Center For Family Services and Camden PowerCorps. The Acting Governor was joined by Camden's Mayor, Dana Redd, in serving the community on this symbolic day.

"For our children, and their children to follow, we have a shared obligation to preserve and advance the legacy of Dr. King," said Acting Governor Guadagno. "We are here today to pay tribute to the enduring spirit of Dr. King and his vision of service as an instrument for the betterment of our communities. This cleanup is just one of many events across New Jersey that highlights the continued importance of volunteerism and the impact it has on so many lives."

The Camden PowerCorps initiative deploys 60 AmeriCorps members to meet the needs of the City of Camden. These volunteer members focus on environmental stewardship and economic opportunity within their city. In Camden, the PowerCorps are tasked with maintaining green infrastructure such as rain gardens, city parks, and water inlets.

"I am honored to be joined by Lt. Governor Guadagno and thankful to all the volunteers who came out today to participate in Camden's day of service," said Mayor Dana Redd. "Dr. King asked, 'What are you doing for others?' It's important that we continue to ask ourselves that same question. I strongly encourage everyone to observe this day of service, and future days, by honoring Dr. King through participation in civic or community service projects. When citizens come together to participate for such a worthwhile cause, it's an incredibly rewarding experience."

The day's service activities focused on maintaining a neighborhood safe haven for youth within the North Camden Community Center (Roberto Clemente Gym). Volunteers assisted by repainting the basketball courts, constructing a new boxing arena, and creating a new mural inspired by the spirit of the City of Camden and its residents.

More information on the Camden PowerCorps can be found on its website at:
<https://centerffs.org/volunteer/ameri corps/camden-powercorps>

Those interested in seeking volunteerism opportunities in New Jersey or who wish to learn more about the efforts of the Governor's Office on Volunteerism are encouraged to visit www.volunteerism.NJ.gov.

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