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### **Democracy Federal Credit Union Hosts Multi-Location MLK Day of Service Across the DMV**

*Team Members Honor Dr. King's Legacy Through Hands-On Community Impact*

**ALEXANDRIA, VA — January 19, 2026** — Democracy Federal Credit Union proudly honored the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with its first coordinated, multi-location Day of Service across the DMV region. Embracing the spirit of “A Day On, Not a Day Off,” team members dedicated the holiday to meaningful, measurable service benefiting local families and community partners across Northern Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Prince George’s County.

Volunteers supported several impactful initiatives, including hands-on service at Bridges to Independence in Arlington, where team members assisted with pantry organization, restocking essential household items, and preparing resources for families transitioning out of homelessness. The effort directly supported individuals and families working toward long-term housing stability and financial independence.

In Washington, D.C., staff partnered with Martha's Table to host a small, low-cost grocery market for neighbors attending the nearby Market Parade. Team members helped ensure families had access to fresh, affordable food options while fostering a welcoming and dignified shopping experience for community members.

Additionally, employees served at Prince George's County Samaritan - Bladensburg Community Center, where they packed donations for individuals residing in local shelters and sorted food items destined for area food banks. This effort supported food security initiatives and extended essential supplies to vulnerable populations throughout Prince George’s County.

The MLK Day initiative was designed to reflect Democracy Federal Credit Union’s commitment to economic empowerment, service, and equitable access to opportunity — values that align closely with Dr. King’s vision of justice in action.

“Dr. King’s legacy reminds us that service is not symbolic — it is transformational,” said Andrena Smith, Interim Chief Executive Officer of Democracy Federal Credit Union. “At Democracy, we believe financial empowerment and community engagement go hand in hand. Our team members showed up not just as employees, but as neighbors committed to strengthening the communities we serve.”

By activating multiple teams across jurisdictions simultaneously, the credit union reinforced its culture of shared responsibility and regional impact. The coordinated effort

marked a significant milestone in Democracy's ongoing commitment to community-centered leadership.

Democracy Federal Credit Union plans to continue expanding coordinated service initiatives throughout the year, investing time, talent, and resources into the communities it serves.