



January 13, 2010

To our Partners and Friends,

Subject: Invitation to Join National Day of Service Activities

Opportunity Link, together with the North Central Montana Transit, Montana Energy Corps, and the Montana Conservation Corps invite you to join us in celebrating our National Day of Service (also known as Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service) on January 18, 2010. We will be promoting community service with a focus on energy efficiency and the use of renewable and alternative energy resources.

We have prepared activities at the community parks in Rocky Boy's and Fort Belknap Indian Reservations and at the North Central Montana Transit bus facility. Everyone is encouraged to join AmeriCorps members and community volunteers to install solar lamp posts, distribute CFL light bulbs and energy-savings educational materials, and signing-up individuals that need hands-on weatherization assistance in their homes. The North Central Montana Transit, with assistance from MSU Northern, will also be promoting its use of biodiesel in their diesel buses on the same day. Volunteers will also be performing weatherization installations for those that need assistance in the week following the event.


The day will start out with North Central Montana Transit buses picking up volunteers starting at 8 a.m. in Havre from the following locations: NCMT Bus Facility, Best Western, and AmericInn. From these locations, we will travel to the Veterans Memorial Park in Rocky Boy for a dedication and energy activities. Departing from Rocky Boy at 10:30 a.m. and arriving at Fort Belknap at noon. Lunch will be served at the Fort Belknap Casino followed by the installation of solar lamps and other activities at the Don Addy Memorial Park in Fort Belknap. The festivities will continue at NCMT's bus garage east of Havre, at 3 p.m. where additional solar lamps will be installed along with a presentation of biodiesel to NCMT by MSU Northern's Bio-Energy Center. (The schedule of activities is attached.)

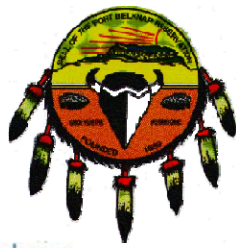
Opportunity Link, Inc. is a non-profit organization serving an 11-county, 3-reservation region in Northcentral Montana. Opportunity Link works to create collaborative connections linking both project and organizations to community assets.

The day promises to be interesting and fun, so please come join us in the celebration of the National Day of Service, help us honor community projects, and encourage clean and green energy alternatives in the region. For more information, please contact Day Soriano, Opportunity Link at (406) 265-3699 or (877) 332-3699 toll-free. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,


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Jim Lyons
North Central Montana Transit



Schedule of Activities
Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service
North Central Montana, January 18, Monday

8:00 am	Departure from Havre and pick-up of volunteers (NCMT Bus Facility, Best Western, AmericInn)
9:00 am	Chippewa Cree Tribe's Veterans Memorial Park, Rocky Boy <i>(located in front of the Natural Resource Department office)</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A few words from Opportunity Link, MT Energy Corps, MT Conservation Corps, representative of the Chippewa Cree Business Committee, and Rocky Boy Veterans • Installation of Solar Lamps • Information Table, Distribution of CFLs, and sign-ups for hands-on weatherization assistance in homes (set up at Veteran's Center garage)
10:30 am	Departure from Rocky Boy
12:00 noon	Fort Belknap Indian Community's Don Addy Memorial Park, Fort Belknap <i>(located across Kwik Stop on US Hwy 66)</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch at Fort Belknap Casino with a few words from Opportunity Link, MT Energy Corps, MT Conservation Corps, representative from Fort Belknap Indian Community Council, and Don Addy Memorial Park Committee • Installation of Solar Lamps • Information Table, Distribution of CFLs and sign-ups for hands-on weatherization assistance in homes (set up at Fort Belknap Casino)
2:00 pm	Departure from Fort Belknap
3:00 pm	North Central Montana Transit Bus Facility <i>(formerly the Ford-New Holland Building, located at 3105 US Hwy 2 East of Havre)</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A few words from North Central Montana Transit, Opportunity Link, MT Energy Corps and Conservation Corps, and MSU Northern • Presentation of MSUN Biodiesel to NCMT • Installation of Solar Lamps & Launch of Biodiesel use by NCMTransit • Information Table, Distribution of CFLs and sign-ups for hands-on weatherization assistance in homes

