“Everybody can be great... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.” – Martin Luther King, Jr.

To the great faculty, staff, and students of UM-Flint:

One of the pillars on which our university is built centers on engaged citizenship. We are part of Flint, just as Flint is part of us. Service to our Flint and Genesee County community is a year-round priority for us.

It’s been 25 years since Chancellor Charlie Nelms sent a letter to colleagues containing the plans for our first day of service on Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday.

And on Monday, January 20, 2020, we will have a coordinated opportunity to continue our relationship with our community partners, serve our community, and celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as we have every year since 1995.

I am proud to share with you this year’s plans for the day. I encourage you all to join me and participate in whatever way you can. This is a day that will show UM-Flint at its best, a diverse and engaged community of learners and leaders.

Everyone on campus is invited to attend our service breakfast and program beginning at 8:30 a.m. in UCEN’s Michigan Rooms. We just ask that you RSVP. Community service volunteers may register from 8 - 8:30 a.m.

Following the breakfast program, we will begin our day of service. University Outreach has worked with partners across Flint to coordinate volunteer service opportunities. A great deal of effort went into identifying meaningful volunteer opportunities with our many community partners, such as United Way, Habitat for Humanity, the Sylvester Broome Empowerment Village, and many more.

We have 250 volunteer opportunities between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., and I hope you’ll consider joining one of them. You can review a list of all the volunteer sites and register here.

For UM-Flint staff, our Human Resources team will be sending more information about how to check with your supervisor for their sign off and approval. I encourage supervisors to be as flexible as possible in approving requests from staff.

I hope that you will be able to participate in our breakfast program and one of the many enriching volunteer opportunities we have planned to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Warmest regards,

Deba Dutta
Chancellor