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## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE PROJECT 'GLEANS' HUGE REWARDS

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** -- On Saturday, Jan. 14, 2017, approximately 175 volunteers came together for the MLK Day of Service event in Glendale. This project was a partnership between the city's Community Volunteer Program and HandsOn Greater Phoenix.

Annually held at Historic Sahuaro Ranch, this event has typically involved a fruit gleaning of large proportions in the property's citrus orchards. The volunteers picked a total of 13,744 pounds, which is equal to just under seven tons, all of which was donated to St. Mary's Food Bank.

"Despite inclement weather that day, we still exceeded the amount of citrus picked the previous year even though we had a smaller number of volunteers," said Glendale's Neighborhood Services Manager Michelle Yates. "The success of the 2017 MLK Day of Service reflects the spirit of community and kindness found in our residents here in Glendale."

Volunteers are needed for the next Community Volunteer project on Feb. 18, Glendale's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Serve Day. To register to volunteer, email [myates@glendaleaz.com](mailto:myates@glendaleaz.com) or call 623-930-2663. For more information about the city's volunteer programs, visit

[www.glendaleaz.com/neighborhoodservices/CommunityVolunteerProgram](http://www.glendaleaz.com/neighborhoodservices/CommunityVolunteerProgram).

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