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**Give Where You Live – Deerfield
Participate in Day of Service on Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

The Village of Deerfield invites everyone to participate in a Day of Service on Monday, January 18, 2016, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The event kicks off the second year of Give Where You Live – Deerfield, a year-round giving campaign spearheaded by Deerfield Mayor Harriet Rosenthal to help link volunteers to local community service opportunities.

On Monday, January 18, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., at Village Hall volunteers will make **no-sew blankets** to be distributed to local organizations that serve those that are ill, homeless, or in crisis. These no-sew blankets provide protection and comfort, are easy to make, and, most importantly, are a reminder that someone cares. The blankets are easy to learn how to make and are appropriate for almost any age. Volunteers will also be creating cards and letters of hope to accompany the blankets. Through a generous donation from Frigo & Company, there is enough material to make more than 70 blankets

Employees and residents of CJE SeniorLife's Gidwitz Place for Assisted Living of Deerfield will also be donating pajamas and home-made stuffed animals that will accompany some of the blankets. In the words of Martin Luther King Junior, "Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness." Start 2016 by helping make someone's life a little better and brighter.

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