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SLIDESHOW: Day of Service sends 'Art to the Rescue'

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In celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Hands On Nashville joined forces Monday with community leaders and organizations for an art project to brighten up the Nashville Rescue Mission.

More than 80 participants, including Mayor Karl Dean, event sponsor Allstate employees, the Youth Volunteer Corps of Nashville and the community, worked together to paint five inspirational murals created by Anthony Billups, owner of Billups Art, on the inside walls of the facility.

The project — “Art to the Rescue presented by Allstate” — was formed through a partnership between Hands On Nashville and Billups Art to provide artwork for the Nashville Rescue Mission. The Mission offers food, clothing, shelter and recovery programs to those in need under the leadership of chief executive officer Rev. Don Worrell.

“I recently visited the Rescue Mission and felt that an organization with such a positive message should have the facility to match,” Billups said. “I have worked on projects with Hands On Nashville before, so I knew that with my artistic touch and their passion for service we would be able to create something inspirational for those who need it most.”

The Hands On Nashville event was part of the larger Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, a nationwide event honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through volunteer work.

“In an effort to honor Dr. King’s dedication to service, Hands On Nashville was devoted to making the project a success,” said Brian Williams, executive director of HON. “We were excited to be part of this special event.”

Hands On Nashville’s other MLK Day of Service events included projects at Second Harvest Food Bank, ThriftSmart and Hope Lodge. For more information about Hands On Nashville and these events, visit www.hon.org or call (615) 298-1108.
