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South Floridians celebrate MLK Day by giving back to the community



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NORTH MIAMI, FLA. (WSVN) - In the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, some South Floridians are spending the day giving back to the community.

Volunteers in North Miami gave Kent Miller's house renovations, including painting the walls, installing a new roof and landscaping.

"I'm at a loss for words," said Miller, who has lived in the same house for more than 30 years. "Unbelievable, just unbelievable. I never thought this would happen, I really didn't."

The renovations at the elderly resident's home come from a project that volunteers put together to honor King's legacy.

Projects like the one that took place at Miller's house are designed to identify seniors in their community that need help.

"Of course, you know, he can't replace a couple doors," said Cassandra Timothy about Miller. "The railing was falling apart, so we were able to get Ace Construction, Built to Last Roofing and of course our team of North Miami workers to help out and do some prep work for today's event."

Timothy said this type of work is the perfect way to celebrate the holiday.

"Everyone is excited. The kids are excited. They're painting, and it's just good to give back and to help out," she said.

These projects help different communities as they span from North Miami to Miami Gardens and even into Fort Lauderdale.

Eric Howard, a Miami Gardens volunteer said, "It was a great opportunity to work with our youth and showing them how important it is to give back to their communities."

President and CEO of the YMCA of South Florida Sheryl Woods said, "We're here for the community, and that's what today is all about."

There are hundreds of community events scheduled to take place throughout the afternoon across South Florida.

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