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Kerstin Mitchell, IMC student photographer

By forming a human chain, volunteers found an efficient way to transport the 2,500 pounds of goods into the Neighbor to Neighbor store rooms.

Students put MLK's legacy into action

For the students of Andrews University, the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend was an experience of both celebration and service. Through the MLK Food Drive, students, staff, faculty and members of the community joined together for a common cause: to help those in need.

For more than a week leading up to King's birthday, a group of volunteers collected food donations for Neighbor to Neighbor, a community service organization located in Berrien Springs, Mich. Donation boxes were placed in

multiple locations across campus and at a handful of local schools. Students were also able to donate money from their own meal plans, which generated nearly \$3,000 in donations. Then, on Monday, Jan. 18, all the volunteers gathered in the Office of Campus Ministries.

"We were expecting about 50 volunteers. In the end, we had a total of 111 volunteers," said student Louise Albert, a coordinator for the event.

The volunteers gathered all the donations and delivered a total of 2,500 pounds of goods to Neighbor to Neighbor.

"I knew a lot of people would be coming out," said Laura Meyer, executive director for Neighbor to Neighbor, "but I didn't imagine it would be so many. We really appreciate so many students taking this time out of their day off."

Sandie Martins, a pre-med freshman at Andrews, didn't see it as much of a sacrifice at all. "Actually, I loved it. I feel like doing this every day," she said. "You get to both spend time with people and help out in a way that's

just so useful instead of sitting in your dorm room all day watching a movie."

The event was scheduled to take several hours, but volunteers finished processing all the donations in just two hours. Many stayed by to continue doing whatever odd jobs needed doing at the center.

"Martin Luther King Jr. gave up his time, energy and even his life to help others," said Martins. "Giving an hour or two of our time really represents him."

Kristina Penny, student news writer, Office of Integrated Marketing & Communication



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Volunteers made quick work of organizing items once the donations were delivered to Neighbor to Neighbor.



Easter Passion Play
Andrews University

Now accepting reservations for the 7th Annual Easter Passion Play

Easter celebrations have never been more life-changing. Join Andrews University for the seventh annual Easter Passion Play on Saturday, Apr. 3, for an interactive indoor/outdoor walk-through play depicting Christ's final

days, the crucifixion and the resurrection.

Step back in time to experience the sights, sounds, tastes and smells of the ancient Middle East during the time of Christ. Crowd-favorites include a marketplace setting with live animals, shops and food samples. Each rotation will travel to seven scenes across the campus of Andrews University, literally following in the footsteps of Christ during the hours leading up to and including His crucifixion. The event culminates with a spiritually inspiring indoor resurrection scene. Visitors are invited to stop by the Hospitality Center following the play for hot or cold drinks, a chance to pray with a volunteer and a special Kid's Corner.

First held in 2003, the Easter Passion

Play was created under the direction of Ron Whitehead, executive director of the Center for Youth Evangelism at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University. With the help of hundreds of community and University volunteers, the event ministers to thousands of visitors each year.

Performances take place in 30-minute increments. The first rotation begins at 9:00 a.m. and the last at 6:30 p.m., with Spanish showings at 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. The event is free-of-charge, but reservations are required. Place your online reservation or learn more about the event at www.passionplay.andrews.edu.

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