OFBCI News

Where service and volunteerism happen!

Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives
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As so many of our readers play such a vital role in working with children, families, mental health matters, conflict resolution, community connectedness, and so many more areas of compassion, please join us in this time of reflection for Newtown, Connecticut.

Via Governor Daniels' press office:

**Governor urges moment of reflection for Sandy Hook victims**

INDIANAPOLIS (December 20, 2012) – At the request of Connecticut Governor Dannel Malloy, Governor Mitch Daniels is urging Hoosiers to pause for a moment of reflection Friday at 9:30 a.m. (local time) to remember the victims of the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut.

**Click here to read more.**

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**Quick Links:**
- Indiana OFBCI
- One Stop Shop
- AmeriCorps Indiana
- State of Indiana

**Community events:**

- Jan. 7 - 9th Annual State House Prayer Service (an interdenominational event with elected officials)
- Jan. 10 - Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism board meeting
- Jan. 17 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday celebration (ICRC)
- Jan. 17 - SAVI level II: Charts and projects webinar
- Jan. 21 - Martin Luther King Day of Service
- Jan. 31 - SAVI level I training: How to use the SAVI website
- Feb. 7 - SAVI level II: Community profiles and My
The Corporation for National and Community Service:  
http://www.nationalservice.gov/

Idealist:  
http://www.idealist.org/

Volunteer Match:  
http://www.volunteermatch.org/

Southern Indiana Long-term recovery efforts:  
http://www.volunteersroc.org  
http://march2recovery.org/donate/donate-materials/

Leading by example with service

Gov.-Elect Pence getting hands-on with hunger relief at the Midwest Food Bank.

Gov.-Elect Pence with Toys for Salvation Army Toy Drive in Evansville. You can read more about this event by clicking here.

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Gov.-Elect Pence helping kick off the 4th annual CHRISTmas at the River, distributing food, clothing, and toys to Hoosiers in need.

Gearing up for a Day of Service as we remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

As the MLK Day of Service website explains, "January 21, 2013 will mark the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. federal holiday. This milestone is a perfect opportunity for Americans to honor Dr. King's legacy through service. The MLK Day of Service empowers individuals, strengthens communities, bridges barriers, creates solutions to social problems, and moves us closer to Dr. King's vision of a beloved community."

Given this great opportunity, the INOFBCI encourages individuals, faith-based groups, nonprofits, and other organizations here in Indiana to participate as we
commemorate the legacy established by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. If you want to learn more, or explore some resources to help you in planning for your activities, please check out the following links:

- Why Serve on MLK Day?
- How Can I Serve?
- Learn About Dr. King

Already planning on marking MLK Day with service? Let us know. Feel free to email us, tweet at us, or post on our Facebook wall. We’d love to highlight your activity and promote your successes in making your community a better place.

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**In the know:**

**Learn about the Corporate Volunteer Council**

![Corporate Volunteer Council logo]

On Friday, December 7, the Corporate Volunteer Council of Central Indiana invited the OFBCI to join their holiday meeting. The meeting included representatives from the United Way of Central Indiana, Chase Bank, the IRS, CNO Financial Group, and many more volunteers and service-minded professionals who represented various sectors of Indiana’s economy.

We were thankful to get to know them better and we encourage you to learn more about this CVC, which was recognized in 2012 with a Corporate Volunteer Council of the Year Award.

This is just a brief thank you to our fellow state commissions on service and volunteerism in Texas and Alabama. We at the INOFBCI are looking forward to sharing with and learning from other commissions and we appreciate the OneStar Foundation and ServeAlabama's willingness and promptness when communicating with our office.

Specifically, Texas' commission, through the OneStar Foundation, recently demonstrated for us the use of a new resource called the Texas Connector. Through this web utility, they have done a fantastic job at pulling together data, faith-based, and other nonprofit community resources for the use of better-equipment those community leaders who help individuals and families. We are hopeful to glean from this resource and make long-term plans to serve our readers in a similar fashion.

We'd also like to give a shout out to ServeAlabama for their willingness to share and communicate about what they have done to improve their work in meeting needs across Alabama. We were first acquainted when the Corporation for National and Community Service highlighted them for their work in meeting imminent needs like those inherent with disaster preparedness, response, and recovery. They are equipping people in their state with both digital and tangible assets and have demonstrated a notable willingness to help across state lines as well.

Especially as we close out 2012 and look ahead to what we
can do in 2013, we are grateful for these dialogues and look forward to connecting with the many other commissions who are making a difference in their own states.

We at the INOFBCI wish you a safe and happy new year.

Thank you for giving of yourself so much in 2012!