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2,000 USF Student Volunteers Help Bring the MLK Dream Alive in Hillsborough County *The 10th annual Stampede of Service is set for Jan. 16*

TAMPA, Fla. (Jan. 12, 2016) – Celebrating its 10th anniversary, the [Stampede of Service](#) program will once again connect nearly 2,000 University of South Florida students with more than 58 organizations throughout Hillsborough County on the morning of Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016. These student volunteers will be taking part in USF’s largest annual community service project as a tribute to the work and life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Coordinated by Student Affairs’ [Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement](#) as a part of the campus’ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Week celebration, SOS reflects the core values in King’s teachings: justice for all, strengthen communities, empower individuals, and live your purpose. The program is designed to engage students with current social issues as they experience the benefits of giving back to their community by sharing their time, skills, and compassion at service sites throughout the county.

USF System President Judy Genshaft will kick off the day at the opening ceremony on campus at 8:30 a.m. at the Corbett Soccer Stadium before student volunteers board buses for their community volunteer sites. Teams will be assigned to surveying, cleaning, painting, environmental cleanup, and many other activities assisting area organizations, including: Tampa Heights Civic Association; Rebuilding Together; Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful; the Dream Center; University Area Community Development Corporation, Inc.; and the BAKAS Equestrian Center. The day will conclude back on campus at the Celebration of Service After-Party in Greek Village at 1:00 p.m. for student volunteers and the community partners.

The University of South Florida is a high-impact, global research university dedicated to student success. USF is a Top 50 research university among both public and private institutions nationwide in total research expenditures, according to the National Science Foundation. Serving nearly 48,000 students, the USF System has an annual budget of \$1.5 billion and an annual economic impact of \$4.4 billion. USF is a member of the American Athletic Conference.