Day of Service brings together volunteers to beautify the Illinois Valley Family Coalition and honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Dorinda Sherman, an AmeriCorps member serving at Rogue Community College, has organized a community service project in Cave Junction for Saturday, Jan. 22, as part of a National Day of Service to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

A team of volunteers, including several from the Yes! Women’s Resource Center at RCC’s Redwood Campus in Grants Pass, will work from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Illinois Valley Family Coalition, 535 E. River Street, Cave Junction, to enhance the grounds and plant trees. The public is invited to participate. (Originally set for Jan. 17 the event was rescheduled because trees had not arrived.)

Althouse Nursery and the Family Tree Garden Center are donating over $300 in trees. The coalition will contribute coffee and pizza to the effort. Paul Dillon, of Dillon’s Nursery, will provide professional landscape planning.

Sherman is a participant in the AmeriCorps program Communities in Partnership to Stop Violence Against Women and Children. Across the United States, tens of thousands of AmeriCorps members and community volunteers are mobilizing to serve their communities on MLK Day. “Service was at the heart of Dr. King’s philosophy. He once said that ‘Everybody can be great because everybody can serve,’” and he urged Americans to take action to improve the lives of others.” Sherman said.

For the past nine years, the statewide CPSVAWC program has been placing AmeriCorps members at host sites in communities around the state that provide services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse. CPSVAWC is a program of the Oregon Commission for Women, which works for the implementation and establishment of economic, social, legal, and political equality for the 1.5 million women of Oregon and to maintain a continuing assessment of the issues and needs confronting women in Oregon.

The mission of Illinois Valley Family Coalition is to help Illinois Valley resident in the areas of physical and emotional health, social and learning development, safety and stability, and employment.

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