Warrensburg, MO—Greek men and women at the University of Central Missouri came out in support of the “MLK Day Collegiate Challenge” to serve the Warrensburg community and honor the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 18, 2010.

The MLK Day Collegiate Challenge encourages students to spend the holiday “on, not off” by participating in a day of service. Members of Theta Chi, Sigma Gamma Rho, and Alpha Phi Alpha volunteered at the event together, showing strong Greek Life support for the program. The effort, coordinated by the Center for Teaching and Learning at UCM and Melissa Looper, UCM’s AmeriCorps VISTA, matched participating students with pre-arranged service projects in the Warrensburg community.

Local organizations benefiting from the student volunteer service included: Johnson County Sheltered Workshop, Johnson County H.E.L.P., Johnson County Christian Academy, Salvation Army, Another One’s Treasure, Shiloh Baptist Church, Johnson County Clothes Closet, The Johnson County Historical Society, Habitat for Humanity, Country Club Care Center, Warrensburg Manor, Missouri Veterans Home, and the Warrensburg Food Center.

According to Looper, 228 students participated in the event and together gave more than 1500 hours of service.

Greek Life offers students a variety of opportunities for involvement in community service, philanthropy, and leadership. For more information on upcoming service events or projects, contact Kelly Waldram Cramer, Marketing Manager for Housing, at 660-543-8121 or waldram@ucmo.edu