MLK Day of Service is an opportunity to honor the legacy of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by drawing from a garden metaphor of planting seeds. As Dr. King crossed barriers to plant seeds of change and hope in the United States, the Baylor and Waco communities gathered together to bridge the gaps that often divide us.

There were two types of seeds planted on MLK Day of Service. There were the physical seeds planted in gardens across Waco. The work invested at these gardens will continue to provide hope and nourishment to the community. At the same time, seeds of community were planted as Baylor and Waco members joined together in service to make our community and home a better place.

Following the event, all surplus food was donated to The Store on campus and the Salvation Army.
This year we were blessed to have over 400 volunteers serve with us representing local homeschool programs, Valor Prepatory Academy, the Baylor family, and many local residents!

To gear up for the day, Campus Kitchen prepared meals for all of our Day of Service volunteers. H.O.T. Urban Gardening Coalition and Keep Waco Beautiful helped us secure all of the plants, seeds and recycling materials.

This year we saw a huge boost in volunteers from Baylor Athletics. They sent student athletes and coaching staff from football, baseball, track & field, volleyball and the equestrian team. To help ensure that all of our volunteers would have a place to serve, Keep Waco Beautiful invited us to participate in their river cleanup as well.

Many hands make light work. The amount of work accomplished that day was amazing! Pathways were cleared, ground was prepared, garden beds were constructed and so much more. Volunteers were educated on the purpose of community gardens, the needs for that particular area and the legacy of Dr. King.
GARDENS

Baylor Community Garden
Bell's Hill Elementary
National Women in Agriculture Association
Indian Spring Middle School
Veteran's One Stop
Children's Garden & Outdoor Classroom (Lorena)
Crestview Elementary
World Hunger Relief Farm
Calvary Baptist Church
Tennyson Middle School
Rapoport Academy

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Campus Kitchen (CKBU)
H.O.T. Urban Gardening Coalition
Keep Waco Beautiful
Steppin' Out Planning Committee
Office of Community Engagement & Service
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Multicultural Affairs