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### **Elementary Students Create Personal Kits for those who are Homeless or Need Extra Help**

SIOUX FALLS – January 7, 2016 – On January 13, 2016 elementary students at the Multi-Cultural Center of Sioux Falls will be creating personal kits for the homeless or those who need extra help, in honor of the 2016 Dr. Martin Luther King National Day of Service.

The kits will be first assembled and then hand delivered by students to Minnehaha County Human Services, Sioux Falls Public Library and to the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House. The elementary students putting these kits together are all participants in the After School Programs at the Multi-Cultural Center.

“We teach the students about the importance of Dr. Martin Luther King by teaching them the importance of service. Dr. King taught that to be great, you must serve. King’s wife has stated that the best way one can honor Dr. King is by individual acts of kindness, through service to others,” states Christy Nicolaisen, Executive Director of the Multi-Cultural Center of Sioux Falls.

This youth-led service project was launched to provide those in need with basic necessities such shampoo, conditioner, comb, toothpaste, toothbrush, granola bar, etc. – all donated by local businesses.

“We appreciate the businesses that have donated all the items to us to create 200 kits,” comments Roxie Kelly, Assistant Director of the Multi-Cultural Center. “With this help, our students are enacting the same message to those in our community through kindness and service.”

The kits will be delivered the week of January 18<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in donating to this cause or want additional information, contact Christy Nicolaisen at 605-367-7401.

About the Multi-Cultural Center of Sioux Falls:

The Multi-Cultural Center of Sioux Falls (MCC) is a private, non-profit organization that offers resources, services, and educational programs for adults and children in our culturally diverse community. Our mission is to provide experiences and services for all people to learn, celebrate, and share our community’s cultural diversity.