



## **MLK Day of Service Event 2024**

### **“Little Hands Can Do Big Things”**

I sincerely believe that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would have taken immense pride in witnessing how Bradford Staff, Students, and Parents came together to serve nearly a dozen organizations, making the Day of Service a resounding success! Some of the most heartwarming moments were when students eagerly inquired about the next Day of Service Event at Bradford and even suggested additional charities they'd like to support. What an wonderful opportunity to have our students actually learn about being agents of change that have the power improve the lives of others.

This monumental effort wouldn't have been possible without the help of Lauren Cancelosi, Jessica Michaud, Bradford PTA, and the numerous parent volunteers who contributed their time, energy, and resources to set up, ensure the smooth functioning of all our stations, and deliver the donations. A special thank you to everyone who generously donated or made purchases from the wishlist! The Bradford community is a true blessing, and the overwhelming generosity that flowed in to make this event a success for our students leaves me needing a moment to absorb it all. The photos don't fully capture the incredible energy that filled Bradford that day. With the school wide initiative becoming a success, the goal is to make this an annual Bradford tradition.

#### **Here is the breakdown of our MLK Jr. Day of Service:**

(Some estimates are still increasing because the donations from the Wish List continue to come to Bradford!!)

**Operation Gratitude:** Over 268 letters were written to senior citizens, police officers, firefighters, crossing guards, and veterans. Some students also wrote to our custodians and teachers.

**S.O.F.I.A/Encouragement Kits (kids who come from a place of trauma):** over 400

**F.O.M.T.A.S:** 94 items

**YMCA/GEYER:** Over 1000 kits made! Over 400 toiletry items were donated without being put into kits.

**Dental/Hygiene Kits:** 921 were made.

**Community Food Bank:** over 150 items

**Human Needs Pantry:** 89 items donated

**Toni's Kitchen:** Over 150 items donated

**Coats:** 92 collected

**Origamis for piece:** over 200 made

**Take Two NYC:** 95 packages of brand new socks

**Soles4Soules:** 254 pairs collected

















TAKE TWO NYC

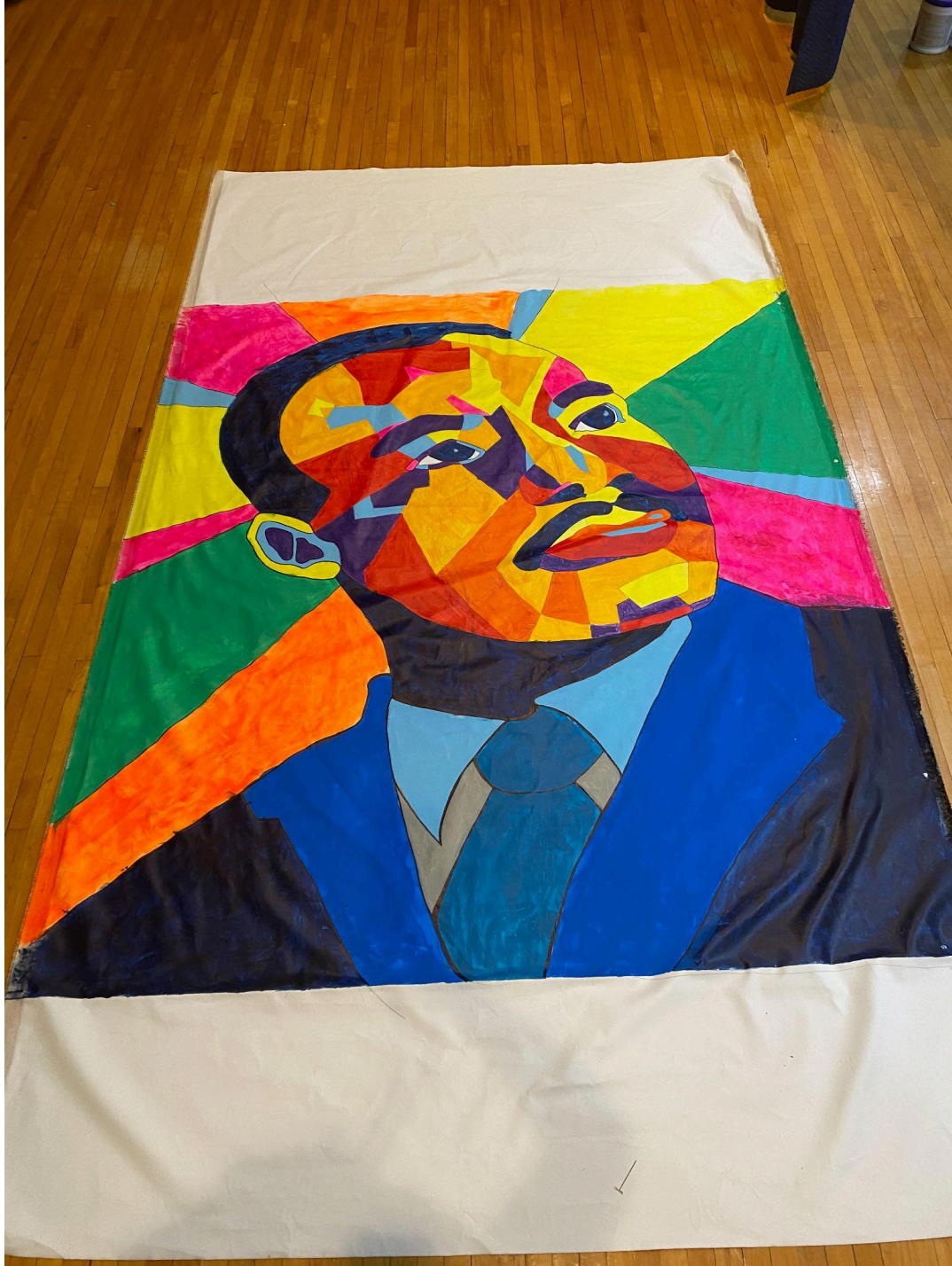














### **Upcoming Events**

January 24th: PTA General Meeting

January 29th: Bradford School Tour

January 31st: Bedtime and Books (K and 1st grade only)