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### **Serviam Girls Academy honors the memory of Martin Luther King Jr. with a day of service at TheDCH**

Nearly 40 students and staff from the Serviam Girls Academy in New Castle and the Wilmington Friends School showed up to the Delaware Center for Horticulture demonstration gardens Wilmington's Trolley Square neighborhood to honor the memory of Martin Luther King Jr. with a day of service.

"We very much appreciated the students coming out to The Delaware Center for Horticulture on Martin Luther King Day. The plantings really thrive by having a layer of mulch, and the volunteers worked so hard to help get our gardens looking great," said Special Events Coordinator [Marcia Stephenson](#), who oversees volunteer activities at TheDCH.

School officials called it a win-win.

"In latin Serviam means 'I will serve,' and we hold true to that at our school," said Rachael Romond, a Public Ally at Serviam. "We strive to make sure our students understand the importance of serving others, not only on MLK Jr. Day, but throughout the year. If Dr. King were alive today I think he would be ecstatic to see youth participating in acts of service. By volunteering with the Delaware Center for Horticulture, Serviam students were able to work together to accomplish a task, while learning about themselves, the organization, and the impact that they can make."

The school, a 50199(c)3 school, was started in 2008 by a group of dedicated parents, teachers, and Ursuline Sisters, Serviam Girls Academy. Modeled in the Ursuline tradition, the Academy instills the importance of service with the overarching goal of encouraging them to become catalysts of positive change in their communities.

- To see images of the Volunteer Day, click [here](#). (High Resolution images and captions are available upon request. Please provide photo credit to Emma Beatty Howells / Courtesy of TheDCH.)
- For more information about Serviam Girls Academy, click [here](#).
- For more information about volunteering with TheDCH, click [here](#).

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*TheDCH cultivates greener communities by inspiring appreciation and improvement of the environment through horticulture, education and conservation. TheDCH plants thousands of trees and leads regional projects to enhance Delaware's urban forests; supports dozens of community gardens, urban farms, and school gardens; organizes city park improvement projects; beautifies Delaware's roadsides with native vegetation; maintains the landscaping of many traffic medians and streetscapes; and provides educational programs for children, teens, and adults. Founded in 1977, the Center's headquarters in Wilmington's Trolley Square hosts weddings and corporate events in its public demonstration garden that backs up to Brandywine Park, an art gallery, lecture hall, and a greenhouse. Members of TheDCH and nearly 800 active volunteers come from Delaware and the surrounding region.*