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PRESS RELEASE

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service
“Fight Against Hunger”**

Hartford: AmeriCorps Green Crew leadership team at Knox Parks will collect non-perishable food and gently used clothing for local homeless shelters in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The food drive will run from Monday, January 16th through Friday, January 20th. Goods may be dropped off at the Knox Parks office located at 75 Laurel Street in Hartford, Monday – Friday from 9 AM – 5 PM. Home or office pick up may be arranged by contacting Ericus Adams at 860-951-7694, ext.15, or ericusa@knoxparks.org.

“We are thrilled to have such an enthusiastic group of leaders in training in our AmeriCorps program. They’ve taken on a very worthy initiative and we look forward to the community’s support in combating hunger,” said Ron Pitz, Executive Director of Knox Parks.

The AmeriCorps Green Crew Program mentors disconnected young adults, providing participants with vocational training for green jobs, work experience, life skills training and career counseling. It is one of several programs at Knox Parks. The 45 year old, Hartford based nonprofit uses horticulture as a catalyst, working in partnership with residents, businesses and government to build a strong, greener and more beautiful community. Since its founding, Knox Parks has been a key partner in improving the City of Hartford and is a nationally recognized leader in the field of community greening. More information is available at www.knoxparks.org.