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# Keep DeKalb Beautiful Honors Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with Community Cleanup Event

*Volunteers pick up 1,200 pounds of litter from Lithonia streets*

**DECATUR, Ga.** – Keep DeKalb Beautiful (KDB), a unit of the DeKalb County Sanitation Division, and the city of Lithonia hosted the Second Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Family Community Cleanup on Monday, Jan. 19. Volunteers converged at Lithonia City Hall.

“We thank all of those who participated and honored Dr. King in such a special way,” said DeKalb County Interim CEO Lee May. “It is important that we continue to honor Dr. King’s legacy of service through events like these.”



*City of Lithonia Mayor Deborah Jackson poses with DeKalb County volunteers during the Second Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Family Community Cleanup, hosted by Keep DeKalb Beautiful (KDB) and the city of Lithonia*

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Eighty-seven volunteers met at Lithonia City Hall to participate in this event. A total of 1,200 pounds of garbage was collected from the streets of the downtown Lithonia area.

“This was a great event in the true spirit of Dr. King,” said city of Lithonia Mayor Deborah Jackson. “It was wonderful that so many children and parents came to continue Dr. King’s legacy of service to others.”

The event marks the second in this legacy of service commitment between Keep DeKalb Beautiful (KDB) Program Director Gordon Burkette and Mayor Jackson. The third annual event celebrating this commitment and Dr. King’s legacy of service will take place on Martin Luther King Jr. Day in 2016.

For more information on this event or how to plan a beautification project with KDB, contact KDB at 404-371-2654 or [kdb@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:kdb@dekalbcountyga.gov), or visit [www.keepdekalbbeautiful.org](http://www.keepdekalbbeautiful.org).

DeKalb County is Georgia’s third largest county with more than 700,000 residents calling it home. Known for its business and education hub, growing international community and natural wonders, DeKalb County Government is administered by [Interim Chief Executive Officer Lee May](#) and legislative policy is set by a seven-member [Board of Commissioners](#).

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