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**PITTSBURGH, January 12, 2009** – [Amachi Pittsburgh](#), an organization dedicated to helping the children of incarcerated parents in Allegheny County fulfill their potential and purpose through mentoring relationships, is calling on volunteers to mark Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day by volunteering in their communities. Though enacted in 1994, the MLK Day of Service reached a record level of participation in 2009 when President Barack Obama called for widespread volunteerism.

Amachi Pittsburgh is inviting mentors and the children they serve to “make it a day on, not a day off” by helping to build a library at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in North Versailles. By providing a home for books that were donated to the church, the congregation is meeting a great need in a community that currently lacks a public library. Children, mentors, families and friends are invited to participate in a variety of volunteer projects from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. January 18 at Mt. Carmel. There are a variety of tasks for children and adults of all ages and abilities, including painting, organizing books and cleaning.

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“Dr. King said, ‘Anyone can be great, because anyone can serve.’ To honor his sentiment, Amachi Pittsburgh is facilitating a service opportunity for our volunteers and the children they mentor,” said Anna E. Hollis, executive director of Amachi Pittsburgh. “Volunteering as a team is a perfect way to celebrate the life of and accomplishments of Dr. King, and the best way for young people to realize their self-worth. Understanding they are valuable to others in need is particularly important for Amachi youth who have suffered a tremendous loss in life.”

To that end, this will be the first of a series of volunteer activities for Amachi to engage its youth and emphasize the importance of giving. Mt. Carmel is located at 90 Port Perry Road in North Versailles. To participate, or for more information, volunteers should e-mail [hufnar@amachipgh.org](mailto:hufnar@amachipgh.org) or call 412.281.3752, ext. 250. Please visit [www.amachipgh.org](http://www.amachipgh.org) for more information about Amachi Pittsburgh.

### **About Amachi Pittsburgh**

*Who knows what God has brought us through this child?* Since 2003, Amachi Pittsburgh has been dedicated to helping Allegheny County’s children fulfill their God-given purpose. We take our name – and our inspiration – from a Nigerian Ibo word that affirms the potential that exists in each and every child. Through a unique partnership of secular and faith-based organizations, Amachi works to mentor young minds, ensuring that all children are rightfully recognized as children of promise. For more information, visit [www.AmachiPgh.org](http://www.AmachiPgh.org).