

**For Immediate Release**

**Contact:** Courtney McCall  
**(314) 340-3391**  
[mccallc@hssu.edu](mailto:mccallc@hssu.edu)

**HSSU Partners with Annie Malone and the Katy Ann Foundation for MLK Day of Service Projects**

ST. LOUIS, MO (January 14, 2014) – Harris-Stowe State University will participate in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service, which has been coordinated by the Corporation for National and Community Service. This annual effort is one that inspires Americans from across the country to come together on the King Holiday to serve their neighbors and communities.

This year, HSSU will partner with the Annie Malone Children and Family Service Center and the Katy Ann Foundation by having student volunteers from both HSSU and Katy Ann Foundation organize and store the center's donated items. Students will be at the center on Monday, January 20, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Katy Ann participants will also join in on the annual Dr. King march that begins at the Old Courthouse and end with their own MLK rally at HSSU's Gillespie Hall.

“We are excited that our students will be exposed to both service and higher education by partnering with Harris-Stowe State University,” said Amber Boykins, former state representative. “Both of our organizations are committed to serving the needs of youth and providing them with the resources to thrive in the community, and preserving the legacy of Dr. King’s work aligns with that goal.”

Alderman Marlene Davis of the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward is also involved in this effort and has been assisting Boykins and the Katy Ann Foundation with its work with young adults.

For Harris-Stowe, this endeavor was made possible by the MLK Day of Service Collegiate Challenge mini-grant, which was awarded to the university in the amount of \$1,000. HSSU’s grant will go toward building MLK-related projects that combine meaningful service, thoughtful reflection and opportunities for sustained service and ongoing community involvement. This is the fourth year that Harris-Stowe has received the grant, which encourages college students to honor the memory, life and work of Dr. King.

MLK Day of Service events are sponsored by Harris-Stowe State University, the Katy Ann Foundation, Collegiate 100 of HSSU, St. Louis Community Empowerment Foundation, the Salvation Army, the City of St. Louis Development Agency, Innovative Concept Academy and Luther’s Supply.

For more information on the National Day of Service, please visit <http://mlkday.gov/>.

Harris-Stowe State University, located in midtown St. Louis, is a four-year institution that offers 14 degree programs in the areas of Accounting, Business Administration, Biology, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Health Care Management, Information Sciences and Computer Technology, Mathematics, Middle School Education, Professional Interdisciplinary Studies, Secondary Education and Urban Affairs. Ranked by *U.S. News* as one of America's Best Colleges in the Midwest, the university, which has been in existence for more than 150 years, offers the most affordable bachelor's degree in the metropolitan area.

###