OUWB Celebrates MLK holiday with Community Service

Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine honors the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with several community outreach events.

On January 16, medical students will host a health fair and taste fest for the third year at Chandler Park Academy located in Harper Woods, Michigan. From 3 – 6 p.m., they will administer the flu shot, check cholesterol levels and blood pressure of the community members who attend the fair.

"The goal of the event is to provide the community members with an opportunity to get their health screenings so they can find out their Body Mass Index (BMI) and their cholesterol numbers. We also want to inform them about healthy eating habits exercise and stress management," said Kelvin Wise, Science Instructional Specialist of the Chandler Park Academy and the school’s coordinator for the health fair.

The OUWB Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service continues on January 19, in Oakland County where medical students, faculty and staff will set up and serve lunch at the Baldwin Center in Pontiac. In Rochester, others will be delivering meals to homebound seniors with representatives from the Older Persons’ Commission. Across town, OUWB volunteers will be delivering supplies from the OUWB first aid drive then assembling first aid kits at South Oakland Shelter in Lathrup Village for its shelter clients. Additionally, the South Oakland Shelter scheduled its health clinic to coincide with the national holiday. Here, medical students will administer flu shots and provide health screenings and consultations for shelter clients.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service is significant to OUWB as it upholds the essence of the school’s vision to promote, maintain and restore health to individuals and communities served by the school.