

Volunteers spruce-up Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School - Hung Jin Moon

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ATLANTA (CBS ATLANTA) - More than 300 volunteers from area businesses and organizations gathered at Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School Monday morning to honor the civil rights hero by serving.

"Dr. King's legacy is actually a lifestyle, a way of life. The main motto we're emphasizing is everybody can be great because everybody can serve," said Kimihira Miyake with Global Peace Festival Foundation.

The volunteers will paint the school as well as landscape. They also planned to host a free health clinic and assemble care packages for veterans.

Many of the school's own students even participated.

Pamela Matthews brought her two kids, hoping they'd learn key lessons.

"The importance of giving back to the community, the importance of supporting one another, and just understanding we all have to work together for the good of all," Matthews said.

"It teaches them responsibility and leadership. Leadership is a big key for us, and we're definitely trying to produce students who are productive in society," added Michael McKnight, Interim Principal.