



Living United Through Collaboration

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is quoted as having said that “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’” Throughout Dutchess, our many nonprofits answer this question through the services they provide to those in need. By working collaboratively with other nonprofits, these agencies have a ripple effect on positive outcomes within our community.

In January Rebuilding Together Dutchess County (RTDC) was able to perform a Home Safety and Fire Prevention (HS&FP) installation day with five volunteers from United Way. This event was part of The United Way’s partnership with local organizations in honor of the nation’s annual MLK Day of Service on January 20th.

Our day began at the United Way's Poughkeepsie office with an overview of the program to the volunteers and a demonstration of the installation procedures. We then went out on the road to serve three homeowners in the area of Pleasant Valley by installing smoke and CO alarms along with providing fire extinguishers. RTDC performs HS&FP installations throughout the year and relies largely on the support of volunteers from supportive partners such as the United Way of Dutchess-Orange. These partnerships are the embodiment of the United Way's slogan "Live United!"