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MIAMI (WSVN) - Volunteers packed hundreds of bags of food to be donated to those in need for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Multiple people with Miami Dade College gathered at Paul Laurence Dunbar Elementary School in Miami to help pack 400 bags of food for students and their families in need.

“A lot of times we take for granted that everybody gets a meal, and that’s not so,” said Miami Dade College organizer Peggy Martin.

Organizers said the goal is to help ensure students receive a healthy meal, along with understanding the importance of Martin Luther King Jr.’s message.

“We hope when they think about MLK day, that they’ll remember that it was about giving, and hopefully, when they get older and they’re celebrating, it’s more than just a speech or parade,” Martin said. “It’s about actually getting involved because that’s what he was all about. The speeches are good, but the speeches were supposed to move you to action.”

Some parents, like Tolanga Pittman said the bags are a blessing.

“Most of the time people always need help,” Pittman said. “Some people don’t have, and some people are very unfortunate.”

“I’m hoping that they will remember this day, and when they grow up and when they’re in a position they will do something noteworthy as well,” said Martin.

The effort was made possible by Miami Dade College through their MLK Food Distribution Project and the Wayne Barton Study Center Foundation.

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