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Employees Honor Martin Luther King, Jr. 03 February 2017

"Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education." — Martin Luther King, Jr.

PTC employees continued Praxair's tradition of honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his legacy by fostering childhood literacy. On **Monday, Jan. 16**, more than 40 employees participated in the MLK Day of Service by assembling literacy kits for first- and second-grade students at Holmes Elementary School. The kits included books, posters, writing materials and encouraging notes from the employees.

The first- and second-grade teachers at Holmes — Rebecca McPartland, Diana Trusello, Karen Kull, Michael Fiels, Karen Harter and Sandra Eaton — thanked Praxair on behalf of their students.



"Our scholars were excited to receive the new backpacks and the reading materials from Praxair. They also greatly enjoyed the opportunity to complete the activities at home with their families," the teachers said. "Thank you Praxair for all you do to support Holmes School—it makes a huge difference in the lives of our kids!"

The teachers added that the kits supported the school's initiative for students to read 30 minutes every evening and that they appreciated the resources for families provided by the United Way that were included in the kits.

The event was organized by **GSS Engineer Langston McElroy**, with support from PTC United Way coordinators **Katherine Larabee** and **Sonja Larson** and members of the PTC SALUTE group.

"It was great to see such a diverse array of Praxair employees join together in working towards a common goal. I'm grateful to have gotten to be a part of such an important cause," McElroy said.

For more pictures from this event, [click here](#).

Photo Captions: (RIGHT) Susan Folmsbee shows off some of the books that were included in the literacy kits. (LEFT) Langston McElroy, left, Katie Larabee, center, and Amanda Mantino write encouraging notes to the students.

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