Following in King's footsteps

United Way of Northeast Florida and HandsOn Jacksonville volunteered in several communities Saturday in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s life of service. Residents helped increase awareness about free financial education and tax preparation services, deliver heat to senior citizens, cultivate a garden, paint a historic building and work with families to artistically design peace tiles. Jacksonville City Council member Johnny Gaffney, above, told volunteers, “Dr. King exemplified what it meant to lead a life of compassion and service. You are following his example by giving your time to improve our community.” Together, the volunteers logged nearly 1,200 hours of giving back.