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Projet Promise Students Honor Dr. King's Memory With Canegata Rehab Service Project

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ST. CROIX -- Students from Project Promise's Caterpillar Project (TCP) program celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy with a day of service. According to a release, the Caterpillars along with Project Promise staff and volunteers, on Monday partnered with Mr. Ewworth Charles and his welding students from St. Croix Educational Complex's Vocational Education program, to repair the playground slides at the D.C. Canegata Ballpark and Recreation Center. In addition to repairing the slides, the group repainted playground equipment and picked up trash.

The group joined thousands around the world who mark Dr. King's birthday." According to the Corporation for National and Community Service's website, MLK day is a "day on,

not a day off". The Corporation for National and Community Service is the federal agency charged with leading the national effort after Congress designated the federal holiday as a national day of service. The day is intended to empower individuals, strengthen communities, bridge barriers, create solutions to social problems, and move us closer to Dr. King's vision of a "beloved community".

Every month, the Caterpillars engage in various community service activities as part of their commitment to making a difference to those around them. This month's theme is "Good Citizenship" and Project Promise Founder and President Resa O'Reilly says it's important for the students to learn social responsibility as part of that theme. "Learning to give of yourself to help others is an integral part of our Caterpillar Project," she said.

Monday's project was also in line with Project Promise's commitment to rehab one playground annually as part of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) they entered into with the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation in 2016, according to the release. Paint for the rehabilitation project was donated by Colorama, The Paint Solution Company.