Martin Luther King Jr. once said that life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’ Tulane students took that to heart this week as they volunteered at various locations around the city in honor of MLK Day.

In the attic of a house in Mid-City, Derrick Ransom, left, a junior at Loyola, holds a sheet of plywood as Tulane senior Anfernee Murray, right, cuts it to fit into place during the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. Hosted this year by the University of New Orleans (UNO), the Day of Service brought students from Dillard, Loyola, Tulane and UNO together to engage in service-learning activities with various community partners in the city.

Owen Scher, left, and Tyler Cobelin, both first-year students at Tulane, carry two-by-fours to be cut to size in the alley between houses in Mid-City. The pair volunteered with Youth Rebuilding New Orleans, a nonprofit volunteer organization formed following Hurricane Katrina, which works to reduce blight by rebuilding distressed and foreclosed homes while engaging local youth in the recovery and rebirth of the New Orleans area.

Tulane senior Emmanuel Rotich, left; Angelyss Vasquez, center, a first-year student at Loyola; UNO first-year student Kepriany Riley, right; and Tulane first-year student Dorian Williams, far right, bag weeds along Lafitte Greenway in lower Mid-City.