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Group sworn in for second day of service

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BUFFALO, N.Y. -- Thirty new members of the Buffalo AmeriCorps were sworn in at City Hall on Friday.

The group was honored at a celebration recognizing Martin Luther King Day and Buffalo's second annual Day of Service.

Last year, members committed themselves to a year of service in the city, taking on jobs such as tutoring, assisting the elderly, and shoveling sidewalks.

Nestor Hernandez, executive director at The Belle Center where AmeriCorps members are headquartered, said having the community support their work makes a huge difference.

"Buffalo has been a huge advocate and supporter of AmeriCorps. Having them support young adults going to serve in the community and community based organizations and neighborhoods, it really makes a difference having the city supporting our efforts," Hernandez said.

This year, they are once again committing to another year of community service, beginning with an asthma screening program and refugee shelter renovation.