Rogers State University (RSU) participated in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service mini-grant program available to Campus Compact members through Iowa Campus Compact’s overall grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service. RSU’s total award was $2,030 and required a partial match which could be provided through in-kind services.

Approximately 278 students volunteered over two days (January 20 and January 27, 2017). On January 20th, approximately 235 student athletes volunteered at all four local Claremore public elementary schools. Throughout the day, volunteers read age-level appropriate books to all elementary school classrooms. Books covered themes related to the life of Dr. King and the history of the Civil Rights movement. All books were then donated to the elementary school libraries for students to continue reading and learning from.

On January 27th, approximately 28 volunteers helped to sort and package fresh food for distribution from the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma. Another 10 volunteers played bingo with veterans who reside at the Claremore Veterans Center, a skilled nursing facility.