



These young men of Portland House of Umoja, have written a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

What Martin Luther King Meant To Me

When Martin Luther King stood on the mountain top he had a vision that one day black men and white men could join in unity. He had a dream that we could live together in peace. But back then alot of people didn't believe that Martin Luther King could fulfill his dream, but through it all Martin showed everyone that he was a soldier, because even though they put him in jail or hurt him he still stood up for what he believed in, as a man, and a soldier. The reason I feel he was a soldier is because when he was knocked down he got back up and kept fighting as a man, not as a gangster or hustler. He was a man of dignity and pride and he was a non-violent leader, even though he never lived long enough to see the difference he made in this world, I feel he would have been proud. Even though they killed him they never took what he believed in away from him.

--Dimitaius Price

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929 and died on August 28, 1963. Martin Luther King had a dream of racial justice and human brotherhood in the United States, and of peace throughout the world. He had a dream of how nonviolence, love and courage could triumph over hate and brutal force. I am writing about a dreamer and his dream, and of the life he dedicated and ultimately sacrificed to try to make the dream a living reality for us all.

Martin Luther King taught me to respect others even if they don't respect you.

--Rashell Holloway

Free At Last, Free At Last

Umoja means unity and Martin Luther King, Jr. wanted blacks and whites to come together for unity. Martin Luther King was a black leader and black people were done wrong back then. Even though Mr. King was black, white people also loved him for a leader and for who he was and not over color. Mr. King was also good for talking and speeches. When Mr. King made the speech I Have A Dream, that made a difference all over. He also was good for the mountain top and to make a difference. Mr. King was a strong man, he was strong in talking not by fighting and shooting. Mr. King had good thoughts for the blacks and whites he was a man that stayed to his word but his words was too strong. Mr. King was took out by a bullet. Mr. King had a family, he was taken away from his family on August 28th, 1963. He was put on this world for a reason to make a change and he made his point and the lord must have thought his work was done and knew that he had made a change. Mr. King will be missed and thought of by many people and his hard work will be remembered.

Open eyes January 15th, 1939
Closed eyes August 28th, 1963

--Allen J. Collins

Martin Luther King, Jr., one of the most influential leaders in the civil rights movement, was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 15, 1929.

His father, grandfather and great grandfather were all preachers. At age 15 King entered Morehouse College in Atlanta, he received a doctor of philosophy degree from Boston University.

At age 25, King became pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist church in Montgomery, Alabama.

King began getting involved with the fight for civil rights because he was deeply concerned with the conditions of the black people.

Dr. King taught me how to be tolerant of other people. He really practiced what he preached.

--Ahmad Stevens



--Marcus Branch, Outreach Coordinator

"Happy Birthday Dr. King"

Keeping The Dream Alive



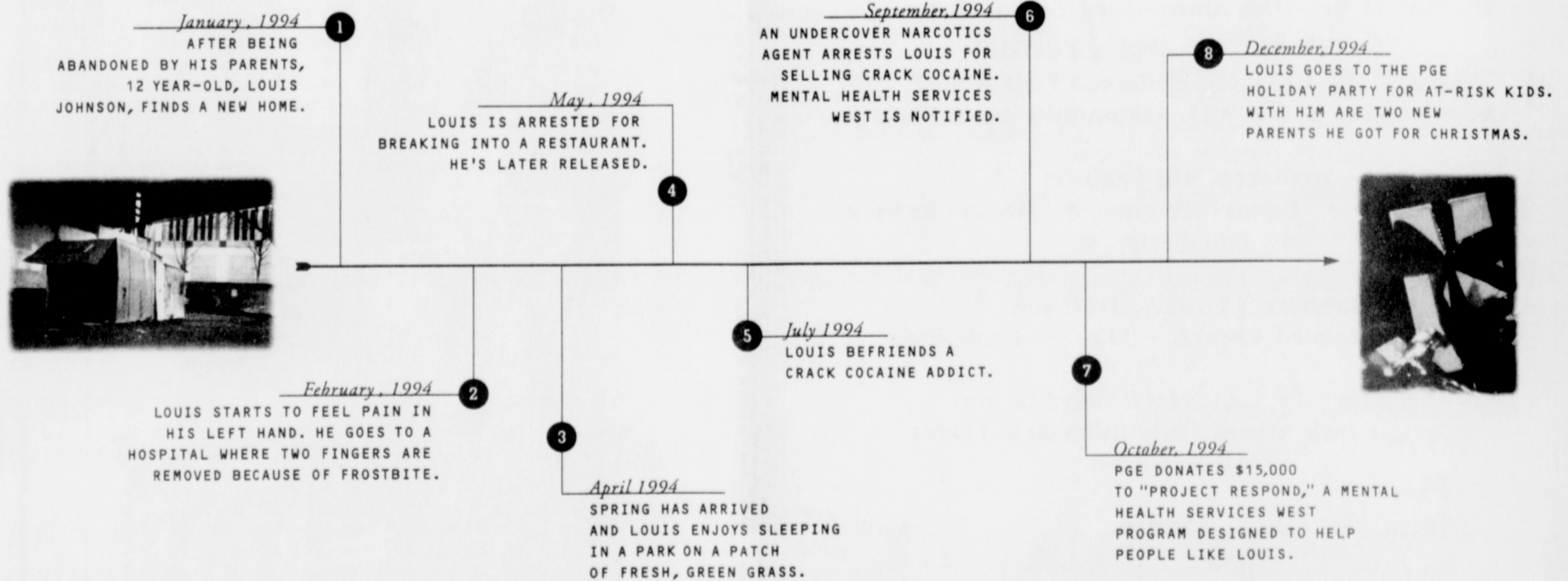
"Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable. Even a superficial look at history reveals that no social advance rolls in on the wheels of inevitability. Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals. Without persistent effort, time itself becomes an ally of the insurgent and primitive forces of irrational emotionalism and social destruction. This is no time for apathy or complacency. This is a time for vigorous and positive action."



"Worship at its best is a social experience with people of all levels of life coming together to realize their oneness and unity under God. Whenever the church, consciously or unconsciously, caters to one class it loses the spiritual force of the 'whosoever will, let him come' doctrine and is in danger of becoming little more than a social club with a thin veneer of religiosity."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

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