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Participants gather at the corner of Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Alberta Street for the annual MLK Dream Run.

MLK Dream Run Weekend

Registration for some events still open

BY CERVANTE POPE
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Inspired by a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King's "Eyes on the Prize" speech, the 5th annual MLK Dream Run will take off from northeast Portland this Sunday, Sept. 25, under the theme "Now is the Time."

While online registration for the event's 5k race has closed,

those interested have until Friday, Sept. 23 at 11 a.m. to register for the 10k and 15k events.

The MLK Dream Run is hosted by the North and Northeast Portland Business Association to honor the civil rights legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. while also supporting the business group's Fellows Youth Career Internship Program, which helps young people, ages 16-26, to become entrepreneurs and future owners of their own successful businesses.

The NNEBA also works with the Summer Works program in providing young adults with job experience, including work to help produce the MLK Dream Run.

All of the events take place Sunday, from 6 a.m. to noon in the heart of Portland's Soul District, starting and ending at Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Alberta Street.


To register, donate or sign up as a volunteer, visit mlkdream-run.org.

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Award Honoring Maxine Fitzpatrick
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PORTLAND COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT INITIATIVES

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For tickets & sponsorships: <https://ulpdx.ejoinme.org/2016EOD>
For Inquiries & RSVP: eod@ulpdx.org



A Union Gospel Mission volunteer sorts donated coats for Operation Overcoat, a free distribution of clothing and food for people who are homeless or in need. The annual event returns, Saturday, Sept. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the mission on Northwest Third Avenue between Burnside and Couch.

Operation Overcoat Street Fair

On Saturday, Sept. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Union Gospel Mission, downtown, will be hosting its 16th annual Operation Overcoat street fair, a clothing and food give away for anyone who is homeless or in need.

The guests will have access to free clothing, boots, shoes, sleeping bags, blankets, hygiene items and more. A barbeque meal of hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, chips and soda will be served. In addition, there will be live

music and free dental care in the Medical Teams International mobile dental van, free haircuts and free bibles.

Care Oregon will be providing information about accessing health care as well as a free vaccination clinic at the event.

To support Operation Overcoat, donations can be made online at ugmportland.org or call 503-274-4483. The biggest need for Operation Overcoat is new or gently used sleeping bags.