

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Lunch Program Honors King

Volunteers for a backpack lunch program for kids invite friends and families to a community service and remembrance for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the MLK National Holiday, Monday, Jan. 16 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Maranatha Church, 4222 N.E. 12th Ave. The event will be hosted by Fremont United Methodist Church, Maranatha Church and Concordia University.

“In this time of uncertainty for our country and the challenges we face, let’s gather in remembrance to draw inspiration from the memory of Dr. King, encourage each other to pursue our dreams for our country, and show our care for our children

in need in northeast Portland,” reads the invite from the Northeast Portland BackPack Lunch Program.

After the MLK program, participants will pack 825 lunch sacks for the 226 children that backpack program serves, create care cards to be tucked into the sacks; fold origami cranes for peace and healing; and share dreams for a better future. Children can take part in King-related activities

Participants are invited to bring cans of soup and ravioli to help fill the lunch sacks. Cash donations will also be accepted as just a \$25 donation sponsors 12 weekend lunches.



Paper is folded into cranes to represent peace and healing, one of the activities that will take place during a special community service event to pack lunches for kids and a Martin Luther King Jr. remembrance coming to Maranatha Church on the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

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