

Seattle/Portland Martin Luther King Events

SEATTLE:

City of Seattle 2015 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Voting Rights Act, the theme for this year's celebration is, "So long as I do not firmly and irrevocably possess the right to vote I do not possess myself. I cannot make up my mind - it is made up for me. I cannot live as a democratic citizen, observing the laws I have helped to enact - I can only submit to the edict of others."

The event is Thursday, January 15, noon to 1 p.m. at the Paramount Theatre, 911 Pine St., Seattle. Admission is free.

Maria Gitin, author of the book "This Bright Light of Ours," an oral history of the voting rights movement in 1965, will deliver the celebration's keynote address. Other speakers at the celebration will include King County Executive Dow Constantine and King County Council Chair Larry Phillips. The celebration will also include musical performances by the duo of Ben Hunter & Joe Seamons.

The Paramount Theatre is accessible. Sign language interpretation will be provided. Other reasonable accommodations will be provided upon advance request. For more information or to request reasonable accommodations, please contact Paula Harris-White at the Department of Executive Services at 206-263-2444 or paula.harris-white@kingcounty.gov.

Youth Lead 10th Annual MLK March

Seattle Parks and Recreation invites the public to join a youth-organized march to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Saturday, Jan. 17. Participants will gather at 11 a.m. at Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park, 2200 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. Teens will lead the march to Rainier Community Center, 4600 38th Ave. S.

This is Seattle Parks and Recreation's Teen Program's 10th annual youth march and the theme this year is Seattle Youth Unite for Justice! Restore the Dream!

At the event, participants will participate in a moment of silence, when flowers will be placed in the fountain in memory of youth who have been lost, locally and nationally. In addition, youth will participate in three different workshops: a "Tunnels of Oppressions" workshop; a dialogue with police officers; and a gallery where youth will write letters to families who have been affected by violence. The tunnels and gallery were constructed by teens with the support from Parks staff.

Look for the event on Facebook at 'Seattle Parks & Recreation's annual MLK Jr march!'

King County 33rd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Rally and March

One of the largest King events in the nation, the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee 2015's event, Monday, Jan.

19, with workshops from 9 to 9:50 a.m., rally from 10 to 11 a.m. Pre-March speakers run from 11 to noon, and the march leaves Garfield High School at 12 p.m., 23rd and E. Jefferson St.

The theme this year is 'Fight for Your Rights in 2015!' Keynote speaker is Jelani Brown, a young man from Ferguson, Mo., who was involved in the organizing in response to the police killing of an unarmed Black teenager Mike Brown. He will speak about his experiences growing up in the St. Louis area, organizing his community since Mike Brown's death, and a vision of this movement going forward.

For more information call James Williams 253-883-9548 or Eddie Rye, Jr., 206-786-2763, or go to www.mlkseattle.com.

King County Civil Rights Commission Honors Student Essay Contest Winners

Three 8th grade students from Open Window School in Bellevue will be honored Thursday at the Paramount Theatre in Seattle for their winning submissions to the King County Civil Rights Commission's 16th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Writing Contest. The students were invited to reflect on Dr. King's pioneering civil rights work, especially as it related to the landmark 1965 Voting Rights Act.

Contest winners are:

- Colin Cameron, first prize
- Audrey Witmer, second prize
- Emma Wineland, third prize.

Sponsored by the King County Civil Rights Commission, this year's contest was based on a theme from Dr. King: "So long as I do not firmly and irrevocably possess the right to vote I do not possess myself. I cannot make up my mind - it is made up for me. I cannot live as a democratic citizen, observing the laws I have helped to enact - I can only submit to the edict of others."

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For more information about the King County Civil Rights Commission or the essay contest, visit www.kingcounty.gov/exec/Civil-RightsCommission or call King County's Diversity Manager, Paula Harris-White, at 206-263-2445. Copies of the three winning essays are available at www.kingcounty.gov/exec/CRC/MLKEssayWinners.aspx.

PORTLAND:

King Evening Mass

Please join the African American Catholic Community of Oregon in celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the evening mass, Saturday, January 17th, 2015, 5:30 PM, at St. Mary's Cathedral on NW 18th Ave. and Couch Street, downtown, Portland. Celebrant will be Auxiliary Bishop Peter Smith, Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon. ALL ARE WELCOME.

30th Annual Keep Alive The Dream Tribute

The World Arts Council's annual extravaganza in tribute to Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is Monday, Jan. 19 from noon - 6 p.m., at the Highland Christian Center, 7600 NE Glisan St.

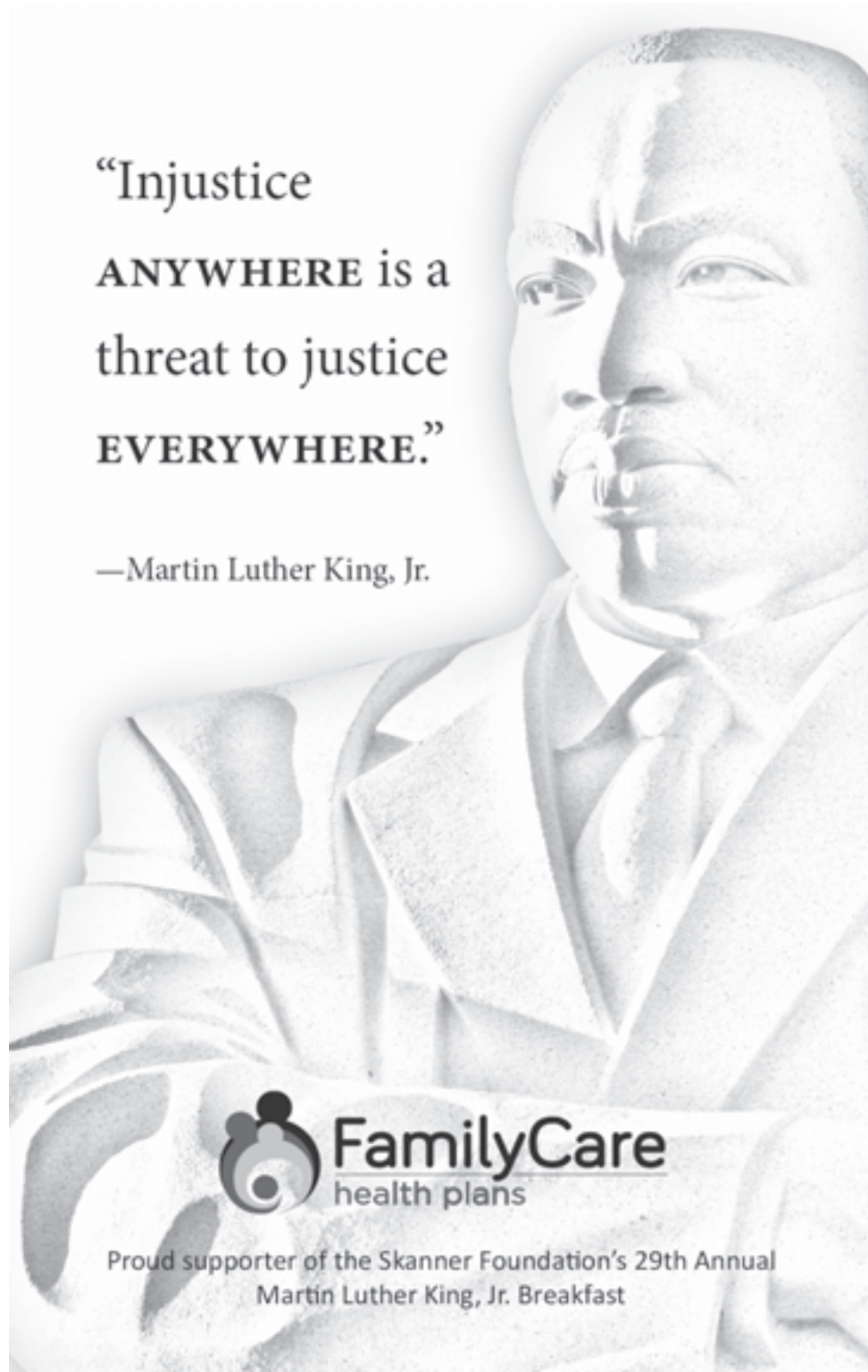
Keynote speaker is Mahatma Gandhi's grandson, Arun Gandhi, speaking at 4:30 p.m.

This year's program will include an array of community speakers from various civic

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"Injustice ANYWHERE is a threat to justice EVERYWHERE."

—Martin Luther King, Jr.



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FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHTS IN 2015

MLK DAY

Rally & March

January 19, 2015
GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
 23rd & E. Jefferson

Workshops 9:00 am - 9:50 am • Rally - 10:00 am - 11:15 am
Pre March Speakers 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
March Leaves Garfield 12:00 pm

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