

# Bring the Dream to Needham

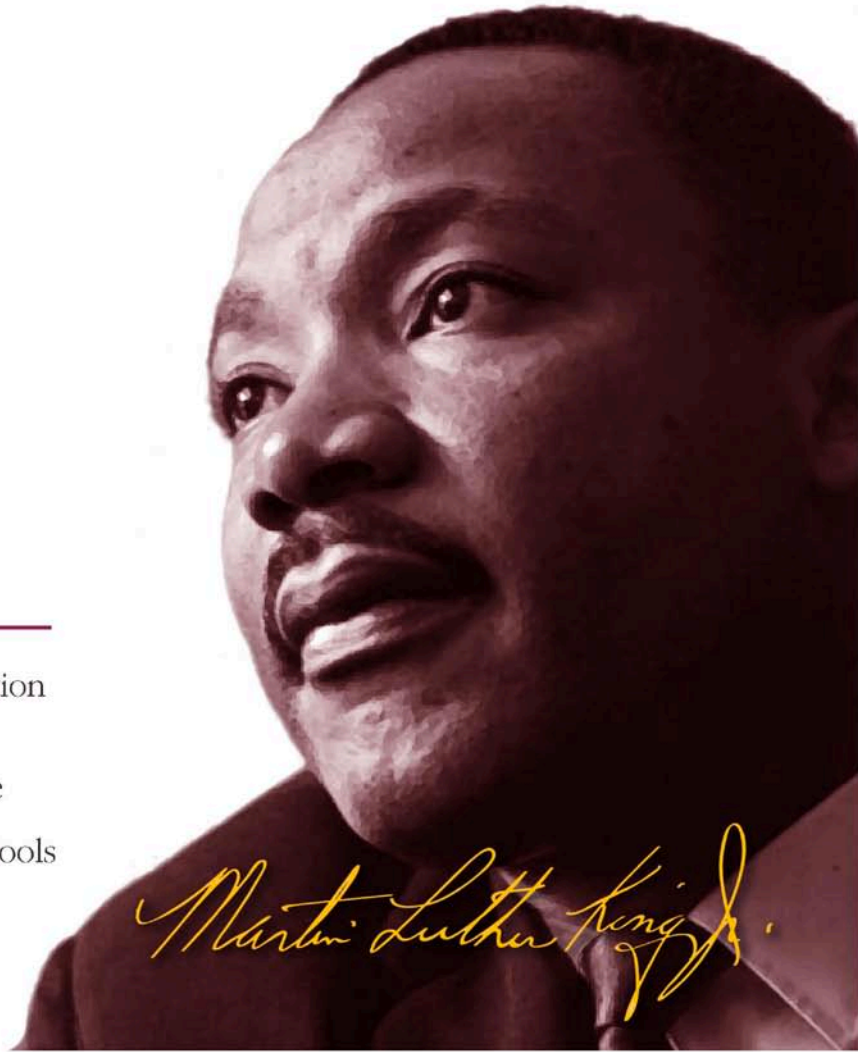
... and live the dream together!

Join us for  
Needham's Celebration and Observance of  
**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**

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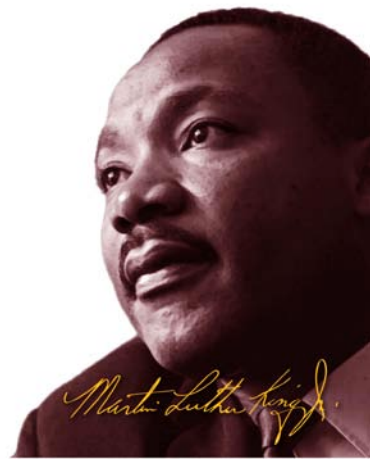
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# Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration

Needham High School - January 17, 2011



1929 - 1968

## Program

Emcee: Jerry Wasserman - Member of Needham's Board of Selectmen

*Lift Every Voice* (see words, next page) - Keyboardist: Mr. Ken Gullotti, First Baptist Church of Needham

Speaker: Dr. William Curry - Long time Needham Resident

Musical Offering: Instrumental by Ms. Eri Okada (violin) & Mr. Daryl Lowery (flute) - Berkley School of Music

Speaker: Rev. Jennifer Hitt - Pastor, Grace Lutheran Church, Needham

Musical Offering: Needham Plugged In - *All You Need is Love & We Are the World*

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Lift every voice and sing,  
'Til earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the listening skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on 'til victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,  
Bitter the chast'ning rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat,  
Have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past,  
'Til now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who has by Thy might  
Led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,  
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,  
May we forever stand,  
True to our God,  
True to our native land.

## Program - Cont.

Speaker: Ms. Angie Miles, Senior at Needham High School

Speaker: Rep. Denise Garlick, Massachusetts State Representative

Musical Offering: Temple Beth Shalom Youth Choir

Speaker: Dr. Clark Taylor, Founder, Guatemala Project (see description below) , The Congregational Church of Needham

Musical Offering: Cantor Gastón Bogomolni - Temple Aliyah, Needham

Speaker: Rev. John Buehrens, Minister, First Parish in Needham Unitarian Universalist

Musical Offering: *We Shall Overcome*

A Major Dance Ensemble - *What About the Children*, choreographed by Andrea Herbert-Major

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*The Congregational Church of Needham, Massachusetts, USA and the village of Santa María Tzejá, Ixcán, El Quiché, Guatemala are mutually committed to pursuing peace and justice in our two countries. We recognize that our growth and freedom is bound together, and we seek to nurture and empower each other through an equal partnership. Together we will develop mutually agreed-on activities and projects.*

We shall overcome, We shall overcome  
We shall overcome some day

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe  
We shall overcome some day

We'll walk hand in hand, We'll walk  
hand in hand  
We'll walk hand in hand some day

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe  
We shall overcome some day

We shall all be free, We shall all be free  
We shall all be free some day

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe  
We shall overcome some day

We shall overcome , We shall overcome  
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*These are some of the activities that we can get involved with, not only to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and vision, but also to bring it into our lives in Needham to create a more diversified and united community:*

## **30 Actions -- Living the Dream – Project Overview**

**30 Actions – Living the Dream** will enable Needham citizens representing different voices, different perspectives, and different experiences to come together to learn, to share, to converse, to develop relationships, to articulate a common vision, and to take action for equity in the education of our children.

### **Training Study Group Leaders/Study Groups for Action Projects**

The two-year project will use a train-the-trainer approach to prepare a number of people to become study group leaders. Those leaders will receive 15-20 hours of cultural proficiency training. They will then lead groups of 8-10 to explore key questions that will help us define Needham as an equitable and socially just community. Through their training and study, those groups will be encouraged to look for inequities in the community and be alert to who and what needs attention. Each group will then take on one small action project.

### **Long-Term Outcomes**

- common vision for equity in Needham,
- common vocabulary and focus for the many independent efforts that are evident throughout the district and community,
- improved cultural proficiency among a range of equity leaders,
- open dialogue among students, parents, staff and community members
- an understanding of the importance of the one-to-one relationships that create the trust, motivation, safety, openness, caring, understanding, and equity that will help us better reach a significant population of students in the Needham Schools.
- recognition that conversations and actions toward equity require a long-term commitment,
- small action projects owned and executed by each of teams.

# Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund:

The Needham Public School's METCO Department provides scholarships to graduating seniors that have demonstrated leadership and commitment to the advancement of their community.

If you would like to contribute to this fund, donations will be accepted at the end of the program. Please make check to: Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund. Checks can also be mailed to METCO Program, Needham High School, 609 Webster Street, Needham, MA 02492.

Thank you.

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## ***THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. INTERFAITH DAY OF SERVICE***

**Monday, January 17, 12:00-8:00 PM**

Brandeis University, 415 South St. Waltham MA

- 12:00 pm- 1:30 pm: Free Lunch and Dialogue
- 2:00 pm- 4:30 pm: Service around greater Boston
- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm: Free Dinner and Reflection
- 6:30 pm- 8:00 pm: Brandeis Annual King Day Celebration with Rev. Gloria White-Hammond and Rev. Liz Walker, music, poetry, and much more!

**For more information, contact [ifyi@coopmet.org](mailto:ifyi@coopmet.org) or 617-244-3650**

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The artists: Ms. Sandra Rizkallah of Plugged In; A Major Dance Ensemble; Mr. Daryl Lowery and Ms. Eri Okada

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Roche Brothers, 377 Chestnut St.

Starbucks, 910 Highland Ave.

Sweet Corner, 1056 Great Plain Ave.