

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community-Wide Celebration
A Celebration Honoring the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King
January 15 – 19, 2010

The Strength to Love

“Like an unchecked cancer, hate corrodes the personality and eats away its vital unity. Hate destroys a man's sense of values and his objectivity. It causes him to describe the beautiful as ugly and the ugly as beautiful, and to confuse the true with the false and the false with the true.”

Martin Luther King, Jr., *Strength To Love*, 1963.



All activities are open to the public

Friday, January 15, 2010

Kalamazoo College

MLK Chapel Service

Stetson Chapel (1200 Academy Street)

11:00am

Students and Faculty present insightful and provocative narratives about the leader and peace maker and how his life has affected the masses

Contact: Karen Joshua- Wathel, 337-7209

Kalamazoo County

3rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration & Ethnic Potluck

Health and Community Services Department (3299 Gull Road) OR

9th District Circuit County Court Administration Building (227 West Michigan Avenue) OR

9th District Circuit County Family Court Building (1400 Gull Road)

11:00am

Contact: Kelley Kellis, 384-8102

Saturday, January 16, 2010

Western Michigan University

MLK Celebration & Public School Students Visitation Day

Bernhard Center (1908 W. Michigan Avenue)

9:00am – 3:00pm

*High school students and parents come join Western Michigan University to celebrate the life and work of Martin Luther King Jr. while gaining exposure to post secondary education opportunities. Students and families will enjoy engaging workshops from the college of their choice, followed by a full service buffet luncheon filled with entertainment focused on the King legacy. **Registration Requested.***

Contact: Jamesha Quick, 387-6313, jamesha.k.quick@wmich.edu

Sunday, January 17, 2010

Northside Ministerial Alliance

MLK Community Celebration

Reverend Dr. Otha Gilyard, Speaker

Galilee Baptist Church (1216 N. Westnedge Avenue)

4:00pm

Reverend Dr. Otha Gilyard is the former pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church and former president and founder of the Northside Ministerial Alliance. As a graduate of Princeton, Dr. Gilyard's work in the Kalamazoo community includes the establishment of the Mt. Zion Safe House, Pride Place, Northside Little League, Northside Institute and Ecumenical Senior Center.

Monday, January 18, 2010

City of Kalamazoo

Community-Wide Day of Service

City Hall (241 W. South Street)

7:30am

Volunteer opportunities available at local service organizations. Celebrate Dr. King's Legacy by serving our community.

Registration Requested.

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Kalamazoo College

MLK Convocation Service

Travon P. Brooks, Speaker

Stetson Chapel (1200 Academy Street)

10:50am

Minister Travon P. Brooks is an independent television producer, TV personality and voice-over talent. A graduate of Michigan Technological University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering and a graduate of Destiny School of Ministry and Diploma in Worship Arts, Minister Brooks is also an Associate Minister at Third New Hope Baptist Church and actively participates with the Youth, Christian Education and Sacred Sister Ministries.

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Ecumenical Senior Center

MLK Celebration

Ecumenical Senior Center (702 N. Burdick Street)

11:00am – 1:30pm

Contact: Shawntel Lindsey, 381-9750

City of Kalamazoo

Poster Making Party for MLK March

2:30pm @ WMU Bernhard Center

2:30pm @ Kalamazoo College Student Center

Students are encouraged to come early and make posters and signs prior to the march

Parade / March to MLK Park

Route: **WMU** starts at **3:30pm** (Flag Pole at Kanley Chapel) to **Kalamazoo College** at **4:00pm** (Red Square/Corner of Thompson and Academy Street) to corner for **Rose and West Michigan** at **4:30pm** to MLK Park

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Tuesday, January 19, 2010

Kalamazoo County

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County Administration Building (201 W. Michigan Avenue)

11:00am

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A complete list of activities can be found on partner websites. Visit www.kalamazoocity.org/mlk (City of Kalamazoo), www.kzoo.edu/pr/calevent (Kalamazoo College) or www.wmich.edu/mlk (Western Michigan University)

For general information, contact Alfrelynn Roberts, 337-8047 or mlkday@kalamazoocity.org.