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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMEMORATIVE COMMISSION 2025



Dear Friend and Partner:

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission will observe its **43rd Annual King Week Celebration in 2025**. Our theme, **Beyond the Dream, Empowering the Beloved Communities** will commemorate the Dream and the Dreamer who affirmed, *"We shall overcome because the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice"*.

The MLK Commission is the largest consortium of MLK events in East Tennessee and we are especially grateful for the support that we receive annually from our friends and partners as well as the entire community. Without question, it is this tremendous support that has allowed our observance to be recognized as one of the nation's best King commemorations. Please join us. We humbly request that you consider serving as a **MLK Sponsor**. A Sponsorship Form is attached for your review and consideration.

We have a sundry of MLK activities leading up to the national holiday on Monday, January 20, 2025. In the event of the historic inauguration, the Memorial Service will be held on February 16, 2025. The upcoming celebration embraces several activities which focus on sharing the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Our commission continues to work diligently to provide a well thought out and planned agenda that expresses upon unity and fellowship. The week's planned events highlight key aspects of encouraging members of the community to take part in the "King Week" festivities.

We look forward to the affirmative favor of your reply. If you would like additional information please feel free to contact me by email at chair@MLKKnoxville.org or you may visit our website anytime at www.MLKKnoxville.org.

Thank you for considering this commemoration as part of your Dr. King observance. Together, may we promote Dr. King's principles of non-violence, unity and love of all mankind.

Peace,

Mrs. Deborah Porter

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission, Chair



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COMMEMORATIVE COMMISSION**

Save the Dates
2025

Please make plans to join us in 2025 for another year of celebration and commemoration honoring the life and legacy of the Dream and the Dreamer.

DATE	EVENT
Friday, January 3 5:00pm – 9:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GALLERY OF ARTS TRIBUTE <i>Emporium Center/ Arts & Culture Alliance</i> The MLK Gallery of Arts Tribute will kick-off the 2023 King Week Celebration. The Galley of Arts Tribute is a juried exhibition developed to recognize local artists and most importantly honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Wednesday, January 15 12:00pm – 1:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE <i>Church Street United Methodist Church</i> The major opening of the MLK Celebration is traditionally an interfaith prayer service to bring people of our community from all faiths together in worship.
Thursday, January 16 8:30am – 11:30am 12:00pm – 2:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LEADERSHIP EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM <i>University of Tennessee -Student Union</i> A highlight of the MLK Celebration is the annual leadership symposium providing a forum for dialogue and exchange of information about social justice issues. • THOMAS “TANK” STRICKLAND LEADERSHIP AWARDS LUNCHEON <i>University of Tennessee, Student Union</i> The business leadership awards luncheon will bring businesses from all segments of Knoxville together to honor special people who have made a difference in our community and will feature a special Keynote Speaker.
Friday, January 17 7:00pm – 8:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COMMUNITY FORUM – OAK RIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL PEACE ALLIANCE <i>Beck Cultural Exchange Center</i> An especially important element in the MLK Celebration activities is a Community Forum with our partners of the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance.

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<p>Saturday, January 18 8:30am – 2:00pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>MLK YOUTH SYMPOSIUM & JACK AND JILL ORATORICAL CONTEST <i>Austin East High School</i> The MLK Jr. Commemorative Commission Youth Symposium team has again partnered with the Knoxville Chapter of Jack & Jill of America to provide opportunities for students to enhance their oratorical and public speaking skills along with an educational day full of activities. The contest is comprised of students from local middle and high schools with the Knox County School district.</p>
<p>Sunday, January 19 6:00pm – 8:00pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>A NIGHT WITH THE ARTS TRIBUTE <i>Community Evangelistic Church</i> This exciting program will be a fitting tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s vision and legacy through a multifaceted artistic presentation that includes gifted actor, actresses, and musicians.</p>
<p>Monday, January 20 12:00pm – 2:00pm (Optional: February 16 , 4pm - Due to Inauguration Day)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>MEMORIAL TRIBUTE SERVICE <i>Overcoming Believers Church</i> The MLK Memorial Tribute Service serves as a continuation of King Week activities to recognize community leaders and will feature a special Keynote Speaker.</p>
<p>Saturday, March 22 8:30am – 2:00pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>TEACHER IN-SERVICE TRAINING <i>Simpson Professional Training Center</i> The purpose of the MLK Teacher In-Service program is to provide a very special training session for teachers and other professionals that tie in directly with the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.</p>
<p>Monday, June 19 12:00pm – 4:00pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>MLK COMMEMORATIVE COMMISSION & THE BECK CENTER JUNETEENTH PARADE/CELEBRATION <i>Lineup begins at Chilhowee Park (Midway)</i> The purpose of the celebratory event is to commemorate the federal holiday marked as the first anniversary of the day that African Americans learned of the Emancipation Proclamation and their freedom. The MLK Jr. Commemorative Commission will host a series of activities and uplifting events to celebrate amongst community members.</p>

SPONSORSHIP FORM
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMEMORATIVE COMMISSION

DONOR INFORMATION

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Billing Address/ City / State / Zip	
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<i>Platinum Underwriter Signature Sponsor</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Platinum Underwriter Sponsorship Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sponsorship on the MLK Website Homepage with Logo ○ Listing on all Printed Material including Mass Holiday Mailer ○ Premier Full-Page Ad in Souvenir Booklet and Underwriter Listing ○ Media Coverage Acknowledgement ○ Logo on MLK Paraphernalia including T-Shirts ○ Three (3) Platinum Placement Tables at Awards Luncheon, 8 People each ○ 24 Reserved Leadership Symposium Seats ○ Five (5) MLK Commemorative Medallions 	\$10,000+	
<i>MLK Celebration Underwriter</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underwriter Sponsorship Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lead Sponsor on the MLK Website Homepage ○ Lead Listing on all Printed Material including Mass Holiday Mailer ○ Premier Full-Page Ad in Souvenir Booklet and Underwriter Listing ○ Premier Listing on MLK Parade Banner ○ Media Coverage Acknowledgement ○ Logo on MLK Paraphernalia including T-Shirts ○ Acknowledgement at all MLK Events • Two (2) Premier Tables at Awards Luncheon, 8 People each • 16 Reserved Leadership Symposium Tickets 	\$5,000 - \$9,999	
<i>Gold Sponsor</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gold Sponsorship Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gold Level Listing on MLK Website ○ Gold Level Listing on Printed Material including Mass Holiday Mailer ○ Full-Page Ad in Souvenir Booklet and Gold Listing ○ Gold Level Listing on MLK Parade Banner ○ Gold Level Logo on MLK Paraphernalia including T-Shirts ○ Acknowledgement at all MLK Events • Two (2) Gold Placement Tables at Awards Luncheon, 8 People each • 16 Reserved Leadership Symposium Tickets 	\$2,500 - \$4,999	
<i>Silver Sponsor</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silver Sponsorship Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Silver Level Listing on MLK Website ○ Full-Page Ad in Souvenir Booklet and Silver Listing ○ Acknowledgment at Awards Luncheon • One (1) Silver Placement Table at Awards Luncheon, 8 People each • 8 Reserved Leadership Symposium Tickets 	\$750 - \$2,499	
<i>Bronze Sponsor</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bronze Sponsorship Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bronze Level Listing on MLK Website ○ Full-Page Ad in Souvenir Booklet and Bronze Listing • One (1) Table at Awards Luncheon, 8 People each • 8 Reserved Leadership Symposium Tickets 	\$500 - \$749	
<i>General Sponsor</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Sponsorship Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Full Page Ad in Souvenir Booklet and General Listing in Souvenir Booklet 	\$250 - \$499	
<i>Souvenir Booklet Ad</i>	Full Page Ad \$175 , A Half Page Ad, \$100 and One-fourth Page Ad \$75 .	\$75 - \$175	
TOTAL SPONSORSHIP AMOUNT ENCLOSED			

Please indicate your Sponsorship Level(s). Feel free to send your sponsorship as soon as possible and prior to **November 30, 2024**. Completed forms may be forwarded to Luncheon@mlkknnoxville.com, payments can also be made online using PayPal at www.MLKKnoxville.com or can be mailed along with checks **payable to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, P.O. Box155, Knoxville TN 37901-0155**.

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