



Martin Luther King Community Center  
*Living The Legacy*

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**Martin Luther King Community Center Honors Local Leaders for Service with 2011 Living the Legacy Award**

*Free admission throughout the day for guests of the Indiana Historical Society*

INDIANAPOLIS (*Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011*) – The Martin Luther King Community Center is pleased to announce a Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration that will include the honoring of local leaders for their service with the 2011 Living the Legacy Award.

The celebration takes place **Monday, January 17, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Indiana Historical Society, Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 West Ohio Street, in Indianapolis.**

**Hosted in the Frank and Katrina Basile Theater, the Living the Legacy Award ceremony will be held between 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.,** honoring local leaders for their service with the 2011 Living the Legacy Award. Award honorees include John Barth of Managed Health Services (MHS); Rev. Anne Henning Byfield of AHB & Associates; Garry Holland of Holland & Associates; Alice Jean Oliver, Community Volunteer & Senior Advocate; Ed Potts of Mid-North Public Safety Committee (MPSC); and Rev. Dr. Edward and Mary Susan Wheeler of Christian Theological Seminary (CTS).

The Martin Luther King Community Center's celebration will include song, dance, monologues, a sneak preview of a new play production, rap, short video documentaries to include panel and audience interaction. The Martin Luther King Community Center will host the following local moderators/panelists, artists and performers:

Menelik Adisa; Rev. Anne Henning Byfield; Destiny Casson; Shaunell Chrisite; ECURB; Pastor William Gary, Allen Chapel A.M.E.; John E. Girton, Jr.; Reverend Father Boniface Hardin; Garry Holland; libada Dance Company; Featuring the Adult Company Epiphany; InfeRed; Kamau Jywanza; Gwen Kelley; Wyse Logic; Mrs. Tannika Patton; Norma Shelbourne; The Book of Ruth: Remixed (Excerpt of Cast- Sneak Preview) by Author and Producer Monique Spells; Nadine Walker; Netetia K. Walker; Pastor Elaine Walters, Bethel A.M.E. Marion, IN; The Washington 4: Jeremiah, Nichele, Micayah, and Joele Washington and parents Bobby and Nichele Washington.

In honor and remembrance of Martin Luther King, Jr. as one of America's greatest civil rights leaders, guests of the Indiana Historical Society will enjoy **free admission** throughout the day to many of the facility's exhibits and programs. These include the Indiana Experience, behind-the-scenes tours of the History Center, a variety of programs featuring Indiana Historical Society staff and You Are There historic interpreters, crafts and family-friendly fare in the Stardust Terrace Café.

Original materials from the Indiana Historical Society collection related to the upcoming experience *You Are There 1968: Robert F. Kennedy Speaks*, opening Feb. 22, will be on display in the library, and guests can view the traveling exhibition, *Faces in the Crowd: Indiana and the Political Process*.

More highlights of the day's celebration include:

### **Panel and Audience Interactions**

King Video Short Documentary

Freedom Riders Video Short Documentary

Historical Journey Video Short Documentary

Ki Eco Center: Book Discussion "Clarity" written by author Mari Evans

Executive Producer/Director John E. Girton, Jr. will showcase a pair of documentary shorts produced to commemorate two very important civil rights movements in our country. The first production looks at the *Freedom Rider's* impact on segregation in the south and *Remembering a King* looks specifically at the impact King made through the use of moving photographs and music of that era. Both productions were produced in association with Vanderbilt Universities Black Cultural Center and Tennessee State University. Following the viewing of each video will be a panel discussion and an opportunity for the audience to participate.

Producer/Director Garry Holland will showcase a documentary short to tell the story of a culture of people forced to leave Africa. They were forced into enslavement and brought to the Americas. The video examines the courage of men and women who struggled to become free, which led to the election of the current African American president of the United States. Following the viewing of the video, there will be a panel discussion on how the video is being infused into curriculum in schools and communities.

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